

**Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Room 713, Extension Office, East Hall, UWP-Richland & Zoom**

Present: Couey, Van Landuyt, Murphy-Lopez; Wunnicke, Hady, Ihde, Lockwood; via Zoom – Nelson, Williamson, Campbell, and Silver

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Couey at 2 p.m.
- II. Hady gave proof of notification.
- III. Motion by Murphy-Lopez, seconded by Van Landuyt, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Couey, seconded by Williamson, to approve the January 2022 minutes. Motion carried.
- V. Public input-none
- VI. Unfinished Business
  - a. Broadband: Hady reported that a Prosperity Southwest grant will check speeds and plot the geography of broadband access in Richland County. After reviewing this information, the committee in Richland County can do more targeted surveying using the Survey Center at UW River Falls to understand why there are low speeds or “dead spots” in certain areas. In reviewing survey used in other communities, they are very different depending on the type of information they are wanting to collect.
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Out of County Requests – none.
- IX. Approval of Repairs/Purchases over \$1,000. None.
- X. Expenditures: Office, Agent, Soils, Program and Pesticide accounts – Motion by Nelson, seconded by Couey, to recommend payment of all accounts. Motion carried.
- XI. AED Update - Hady has officially moved to supervising only the 5 counties as AED of Area 13. Area 14 has a new AED. Performance reviews of all Extension Educators will occur next month. Extension LaCrosse County has an open position for Community Development Educator.
- XII. Educator report by Agriculture Educator, Carolyn Ihde gave a presentation on works she is doing including Beef, Small Ruminants, Swine, Master Gardeners and Farmers Market connections. She is presenting and organizing webinars and in-person trainings for learners in all of these areas. For example, the Small Ruminants webinars are an ongoing educational series being offered. She presented at the sheep and wool festival on September 11, 2021 and hosted Beef Quality Assurance workshop in Richland Center in October. 36 farmers attended the Pesticide Applicator Training in Richland Center in January with additional test-only dates coming up. Discussion of the article that she wrote “New Cheese on the Block” and growing sector of sheep-dairies in Wisconsin.
- XIII. Next meeting date is March 2, 2022 at **2 p.m.**
- XIV. Motion to adjourn by Van Landuyt and seconded by Murphy-Lopez. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Wunnicke.