

**Green County**  
**Agriculture and Extension Education Committee**  
**February 7, 2018 MINUTES**

The February 2018 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:31 PM by Ken Hodgson. Members present were: Ken Hodgson, Oscar Olson, Art Carter, Betty Grotophorst, and Kristi Leonard. Also present was Ellen Andrews, Green County 4-H Youth Development Educator, Victoria Solomon, Green County Community Resource Development Educator, Jayne Butts, Green County UW-Extension Office Manager, and Beth Robinson, guest County Board candidate.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 2018 meeting was made by Olson second by Carter. Motion carried.

Victoria Solomon, Green County Community Resource Development Educator presented information regarding her work with Green County Leaders, Leadership Wisconsin, Belleville Branding & Market Analysis, the Livestock Study, and Water Testing.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for January 2018 in the amount of \$1,732.30. Motion made by Carter, second by Olson to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

In Paul Ohlrogge's absence, Ellen Andrews updated the committee on the following:

- Hayley Jordan has been hired as the new Youth & Family Living Educator and is expected to start March 1, 2018.
- The Grant County Agriculture Educator position will be posted soon, meaning Green County's posting should be scheduled shortly after that.
- A replacement Community Resource Development Educator has been hired in Iowa County (Paul's prior position).
- Paul will be meeting with Educator staff members in all four counties for performance reviews and will be seeking committee input.
- Paul noted all four counties in his section have passed their 2018 budgets with UW-Extension support.
- The merge of UW-Extension and UW-Madison continues to progress. Rebecca Blank, UW-Madison Chancellor, will be speaking at the all staff conference the end of April.
- Discussion was made to have Lana Anderson, UW-Extension Activity Assistant, assume responsibility for 4-H Youth Development designated events that Ellen Andrews does not attend.

Jayne Butts, Green County UW-Extension Office Manager reported:

- The Green County UW-Extension Annual Report will be presented at the March 13<sup>th</sup> County Board Meeting.
- For Year End 2017, the UW-Extension office will be returning approximately \$40,000 to the County Budget in unspent funds, mainly due to open positions.
- There are continuing opportunities with public WI-FI from the Justice Center building.

The next meeting will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12:30pm.

Motion by Grotophorst, second by Leonard to adjourn at 1:45 pm. Motion carried.