

Green County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
March 7, 2018 MINUTES

The March 2018 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:30 PM by Ken Hodgson. Members present were: Ken Hodgson, Oscar Olson, Art Carter, Betty Grotophorst, and Kristi Leonard. Also present was Hayley Jordan, Green County Family Living Educator, Paul Ohlrogge, Area Extension Director, Jayne Butts, Green County UW-Extension Office Manager, and Bridget Cooke, Monroe Times.

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

Hayley Jordan, Green & Lafayette County Family Living Educator introduced herself to the AEEC Committee. Hayley is a Green County native and a graduate of UW-Madison. Hayley will be working on needs assessments in both counties to determine the Family Living programming.

The committee reviewed the amended UW-Extension 133 Contract for 7/1/17-12/31/17 and signed the contract to accept the change. Leonard moved to accept the billing adjustment and Olson seconded. Motion passed.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for February 2018 in the amount of \$58,965.60. Motion made by Carter, second by Leonard to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

The committee received copies of the Green County UW-Extension Annual Report to review for presentation at the March 13th County Board meeting.

Paul Ohlrogge, Area Extension Director:

- Gave an update on the Agriculture Educator Position, noting it may or may not be filled. If posting occurs, it will be after the Grant County position is filled. Committee members questioned on how to advocate for this position.
- Discussed having Educators give updates for 5-10 minutes at each meeting for programming.
- Discussed merge of UW-Extension with UW Madison planned for July 1st, 2018.
- Discussed 4-County Area Meeting, scheduled for May 7th, 2018 in Dodgeville for Green, Grant, Iowa & Lafayette for educators & support staff. One support staff person in Green County will stay behind to maintain an open office.

Other Business:-

- Ohlrogge discussed in the future possibly having a Food-Wise Educator
- Butts discussed Pesticide Applicator Tests for farmers being delayed in the scoring process due to changes at DATCP.
- Butts discussed problems with the large poster printer resulting in a repair estimate in excess of \$1,500. Based on the age of the machine (over 10 years), an estimate will be pursued for a new machine vs repairs also for future discussion.
- Olson discussed Farm Technology Days being in Wood County July 10th-12th, 2018.

The next meeting will be held on April 4th, 2018 at 12:30pm.

Motion by Carter, second by Leonard to adjourn at 1:20 pm. Motion carried.