

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

The November 2018 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:32 PM by Chair Ken Hodgson. Members present were: Ken Hodgson, Oscar Olson, Art Carter, and Erica Roth. Jody Hoesly was absent. Also present was Paul Ohlrogge, UW-Extension Area Extension Director, Hayley Jordan, Green County Health and Well Being Educator, Victoria Solomon, Green County Community Development Educator; Jackie McCarville, Green County Ag Educator, and Jayne Butts, Green County UW-Extension Office Manager

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

Green County Educator Reports—

- **Hayley Jordan**, discussed the success of the Mental Health Summit and noted attendance was approximately 230 people. Plans are already being made for next year which include a Community Building workshop with Tom Mosgaller. In February, Haley will be helping coordinate a Landlord/Tenant Meeting. After attending the “Taking Care of You” training, Hayley will be developing a training with police and first responders for smart stress management.
- **Jackie McCarville**, discussed her winter programming including: MPP, Milk Price Programming and trying to develop a 4-County friendly workshop; Wind Turbines working with Victoria Solomon –finding unbiased research and a panel to discuss Wind Energy and Turbines. Audience for the Wind Turbine workshop is expected to include farmers, land owners, business owners, etc.
- **Victoria Solomon**, continued the discussion on the Wind Turbines, then discussed the Brodhead Market Analysis with currently 400 responses for recommendations. Victoria also discussed the Annual Drinking Water Testing Program which is targeting Decatur, Jefferson, Spring Grove and Sylvester townships. An educational meeting for following up is scheduled for December 13th. In addition, dates have been reserved for late Spring 2019 for the next drinking water testing program.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for October 2018 in the amount of \$2,339.07. Motion made by Carter, second by Olson, to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the contract between the Green County UW-Extension and Board of Regents for the University of Wisconsin System. Motion made by Carter, second by Roth to approve the contact. Motion passed.

Discussion was made on the Livestock Facility Study Points for UW-Extension to consider. The board requested Victoria obtain a more detailed proposal from Kevin Masarik, Water Specialist-UW-Stevens Point for consideration of Option A water monitoring. For the Outreach Point, it is definitely felt more education and outreach should be implemented

Paul Ohlrogge, Area Extension Director:

- Discussed having educators rotate and report on areas of significance, rather than a calendar list at AEEC Meetings.
- Stated final interviews for Lafayette County Ag Educator has 2 candidates.
- Grant County CNRED position – applications will close Tuesday after Thanksgiving.
- Iowa County 4H Educator position was just posted.

The committee also discussed the 60/40 split of the Health & Well-Being position and asked how the shared venture is working out. It was decided this question should be asked to Hayley Jordan at a future meeting.

The next meeting will be scheduled for January 2nd, 2019 at 12:30pm, unless other urgent business occurs for December.

Motion by Carter, second by Olson to adjourn at 1:55 pm. Motion carried.