

Green County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
January 2, 2019 MINUTES

The January 2, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:30 PM by Chair Ken Hodgson. Members present were: Ken Hodgson, Oscar Olson, Art Carter, and Jody Hoesly. Erica Roth was absent. Also present was Paul Ohlrogge, UW-Extension Area Extension Director, Victoria Solomon, Green County Community Development Educator; Ellen Andrews, Green County 4-H Youth Development Educator, and Jayne Butts, Green County UW-Extension Office Manager

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

Green County Educator Reports—

- **Victoria Solomon**, Discussed developing leadership for Local Government; GCL, Recruiting more diverse groups in Youth in Government with Ellen; Green County Volunteer Network, Brodhead Economic Development; follow up with Belleville Market Analysis; Increasing inclusivity-strategic thinking; Child Protection Services; Water Testing; Diversity training in coordination with Poverty Simulation; Professional Development NELD; Groundwater Jeopardy with Land & Water Conservation Dept in spring.
- **Ellen Andrews**, Handed out 4-H Reenrollment Report showing where 4-H's live, Race & Ethnicity; Popular Projects; Volunteer Leader Training; currently 17 clubs in Green County. Ellen further announced Tractor Safety would not be offered in Green County in 2019 and is advising possible participants of alternate counties around us still hosting the program. Ellen noted it may be revisited in 2020 or may be offered at the technical college for a higher cost to the participants. The committee expressed sincere disappointment in this decision and requested a letter be written to Ag Teachers expressing thankfulness to Ag Teachers for assisting with this important program and sincerely hope they will consider reinstating it in 2020.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for January 2019 in the amount of \$2,927.54. Motion made by Carter, second by Olson, to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

Victoria Solomon presented a proposal for the UW-Stevens Point Groundwater Quality Trends Data program. Questions were asked regarding the process and use of the data obtained. The committee requested additional information be obtained from Kevin Masarik, Water Specialist-UW Stevens Point. The committee also requested additional County Departments, ie Land & Water Department and the Health Department, be contacted for support.

Discussion was made regarding the 20% Buyout of the Community Resource Development Educator by Leadership Wisconsin for February, March & April 2019 (Approximately 4 days per month) Sarah Schlosser, Director, will be on a leave of absence and has requested Victoria's assistance during that time. In association with the Wisconsin Counties Association, the program Victoria would be assisting with is made up of 35 participants in Local Government. Mileage and expenses for this participation would not be County covered and will be absorbed by Leadership Wisconsin in addition to the 20% buyout. Motion by Carter to approve the buyout, seconded by Olson. Motion passed.

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

- Discussed being awarded \$8,600 for a Clean Sweep Grant for 2019 from Jackie McCarville's grant application
- Requested approval for Hayley Jordan to attend a 2- Day Mindfulness Training, being held March 7th & 8th, in Brookfield, WI. The mindfulness training will be beneficial for both Green/Lafayette Counties for the "Taking Care of You" curriculum being put together for stress relief. Cost of the program, with registration, lodging, and mileage is \$634.51. The request was for a 3-way split for Green County, Lafayette County and the State Professional fees. Carter moved, Olson seconded, motion passed.
- On recommendation from the Green County HR Department, asked if the Ag & Extension Committee would approve of hiring the same college intern as last year without a new interview process or new Green County youth consideration. The committee agreed if it is a best scenario for the office to move forward with it.

Paul Ohlrogge, Area Extension Director:

- Discussed merger with UW-Madison expected to be complete by July 1, 2019.
- Noted the UW-Extension logo will be changing and no longer be the blue/black color.
- Mentioned the interview process for Educators in Area 17 has been completed and we have no vacancies.

The next meeting will be scheduled for February 6th, 2019 at 12:30pm.

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