

Green County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
June 5, 2019 MINUTES

The June 5 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, Erica Roth, and Jody Hoesly. Also present was Paul Ohlrogge, Extension Area Director, Jayne Butts, Extension Green County Office Manager, Hannah Kearns, Extension Green County Summer Assistant, Ellen Andrews, Extension Green County 4-H Youth Educator, and Hayley Jordan, Extension Green County Health & Well Being Educator.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 2019 meeting was made by Olson, second Roth. Motion carried.

Green County Educator Reports—

- **Hannah Kearns:** Introduced herself to the committee and was pleased to be back in Green County as our Student Assistant. She will be a senior at UW-Platteville this fall and hopes to become a Green County High School Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor. This summer she will be working on Dairy Day, Master Showman, Premier Exhibitor and Herdsmanship. She will also be responsible for a one-day 4-H Camp on Aug 10th.
- **Hayley Jordan** – Gave an update on the Emergency Detention System being composed of a five county region including Green, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland Counties in Wisconsin. Hayley discussed a Crisis Review Team that was created, gathering information including Human Services and Law Enforcement personnel. Roth questioned the position for Hayley and a number of inefficiencies were pointed out. Ohlrogge noted he would be meeting with Hayley to prioritize and discuss proposed methods to move forward. In addition, other shared positions are under review. Carter noted if revisions need to be made, it may be necessary to fund the position in Green County and bill out shared time. Ohlrogge noted follow up would be made with the State. Roth also questioned an Extension Cell phone for conducting business. Ohlrogge will check on cell phones with Matt Hanson by the next meeting. Suggestions were made for both committees to meet and discuss the position.
- **Victoria Solomon** – Stopped in to greet the committee and give an update.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for May 2019. The EFT payments totaled \$302.70 and the check payments totaled \$1,158.27. Motion made by Carter, second by Hoesly, to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

Paul Ohlrogge, Area Director and Jayne Butts, Office Manager, Extension Green County:

Ohlrogge discussed attending the Green County 4H Adult Leaders meeting on Monday night and discussed an Area 17 all educator meeting being held on Thursday, June 6, 2019 in Dodgeville.

Ohlrogge noted a major project he worked on with others at the state level regarding 29 new positions to be created. Many hours were put into the creation/thought of the agriculture positions, including numerous specialists, however, the State Finance Committee rejected the proposed idea.

Roth questioned Extension becoming more State focused vs local focused. Ohlrogge noted it should continue to be more local focused.

Butts presented the Water Trend Agreement/Contract for signatures. Butts noted Corporate Counsel Bucholtz had reviewed the contract and felt it could be signed, since this already had county board approval. Carter signed the document and Butts will forward it to the proper location. Implementation is expected late in 2019.

Carter noted one of the buildings at the Pleasant View Annex had been taken down.

Resolution for Dissolution of WACEC/Creation of WEXA—Documents were sent to the committee regarding the dissolution of the WACEC and the creation of WEXA with the merge to the UW-Madison System. Carter had delivered the documents to Bucholtz for review. Bucholtz noted a discussion regarding financing was occurring throughout the state with counties, and therefore, he recommended signing the documents, however holding them in

the county until further information is received regarding the financial discussion. Olson moved to sign and hold the documents and Hoesly seconded. Motion passed.

Extension Guidelines for Educators County Fair Participation – The committee reviewed the guidelines presented noting it is a good document to reflect on the reality and idealism of the roles for fair. Butts noted Extension Green County has a good relationship with our Fair Board personnel and appears to be within the guidelines presented. Ohlrogge and Andrews agreed while sometimes there are additional immediate areas of need, the overall procedures are practiced.

No meeting will be held in July—and committee members will be called to authorize bill payments.

The next meeting will be scheduled for August 7th, 2019 at 12:30pm.

Motion by Hoesly, second by Hodgson to adjourn at 1:49 pm. Motion carried.