

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

The October 3, 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, Jody Hoesly and Erica Roth. Also present-- Jayne Butts, Extension Green County Office Manager and Jackie McCarville, Ag Educator. Paul Ohlrogge, Extension Area Director was absent.

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

Green County Educator Reports—

- **Jackie McCarville:** Discussed helping chair the Annual Animal Well Being Conference being held at Chula Vista in coordination with the WI Cattleman's Association in February 2020. Jackie is also working with Maria, the Dane County Ag Educator on bilingual issues; finished up Master Gardeners Certification Hours, and was selected to attend the Farm Succession Class at the end of October. She discussed helping at the Farm Bureau- Rural Safety Day, held at the Green County Fairgrounds and would like to pursue a "Day on the Farm" event in the future.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for September 2019. The EFT payments totaled \$296.34 and the check payments totaled \$1,631.15. Motion made by Carter, second by Roth, to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

Jayne Butts, Office Manager, Extension Green County:

Health and Well Being Educator: Butts noted the Health and Well Being position has been posted and will be open for 3 weeks. Ohlrogge had previously stated he hoped to have the hiring completed by the end of October to allow someone to start in November or December.

Food Wise Nutrition Educator: Butts noted the interviews were conducted last week and no local persons applied. McCarville noted she was also uncertain if the procedure was completed.

Regional Water Specialist: Butts did not have any update on the Water Specialist position as no information was relayed regarding an informational meeting.

2020 Budget Information: Butts noted the Budget Hearing had gone well and Carter advised the Budget had been passed.

Water Trend Study: Carter questioned the status of the Water Trend Study—McCarville noted the invitation letter was being revised and then would be mailed to approximately 800 homeowners, with hopes of a 35% reply success rate. McCarville further noted a combined meeting was held including Green County Extension, Green County Land & Water, and Green County Zoning to discuss plans for the information that can be retrieved. Follow up will continue.

2020 Extension –Green County Contract – Butts noted Ohlrogge emailed a preliminary spreadsheet for the 2019 Remaining Contract and the 2020 Educator Contract. The 2019 version includes two examples—contingent on the start date of a new Health and Well Being Educator. Butts requested to review the credits for the vacant Health & Well Being Educator position and the 20% WI Leadership Buyout in 2019. More information will follow next month.

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

Motion by Hoesly, second by Olson to adjourn at 12:56 pm. Motion carried.