

**Green County**  
**Agriculture and Extension Education Committee**  
**March 4, 2020 MINUTES**

The March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:30 PM by Vice-Chair Oscar Olson. Members present were: Oscar Olson, Art Carter, Jody Hoesly and Erica Roth. Also present—Paul Ohlrogge, Extension Area Director, Jayne Butts, Extension Green County Office Manager, and Jackie McCarville, Agriculture Educator. Ken Hodgson was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 2020 meeting was made by Carter, second Hoesly (with one minor word adjustment). Motion carried.

Green County Educator Reports—

- **Jackie McCarville**: Shared some of her January programs including:
  - **Farm Succession Training** – in Dodgeville, for the transitioning of farms. Follow up includes trying to assemble a focus group to plan future farm succession trainings.
  - **30<sup>th</sup> Dairy Management Seminar** – in coordination with the Green County Milk Quality Council, an event was held with speakers Mike Hutjens (Illinois University) and Paul Fricke (UW Madison). Discussed evaluation response was limited.
  - **Dairy & Beef Well Being Meeting** – held in coordination with the WI Cattleman’s Association. Attendance was good and evaluations are still being tallied.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for February 2020. The EFT payments totaled \$523.92 and the check payments totaled \$1,373.60. Motion made by Carter, second by Hoesly, to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

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

**Health and Well Being Educator:** Ohlrogge discussed the interviews held yesterday for two very qualified candidates. Contact is being made to offer the position to one of those candidates.

**Annual Reviews of Academic Staff:** Ohlrogge discussed doing annual reviews for academic staff in the 4-county region. In our office, that pertains to Jackie McCarville, Ag Educator. Victoria Solomon, Community Resource Development Educator and Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator are reviewed under a different process.

**Regional Water Specialist:** Joe Bonnell is attending a conference with County Conservation Departments today in Green Bay. He is very excited about the Water Trends Study being done in Green County and hopes to become involved. Joe also is looking forward to working with the different water-shed groups in the counties.

**Extension Green County Annual Report** – Butts discussed the Extension Green County Annual Report. The report will be presented at the March County Board meeting along with highlights from educators. Ohlrogge noted the report is very appealing to look at and credited Butts for her efforts.

**Master Gardeners Symposium** – Butts discussed the upcoming Master Gardeners Symposium with over 100 participants registered. Butts credited Jackie McCarville for her involvement to help the Master Gardeners. The program being presented is titled “*Bees, Birds and Backyards*” with multiple speakers coming to present.

**Professional Fees Discussion** – Butts presented a detailed report from Ohlrogge showing the fund balance for Professional Development fees maintained at the State level. Discussion followed about approval for use of the funds and types of expenses allowed. Association dues are not considered an acceptable expense for these funds. While the money is maintained at the state level, Ohlrogge assured the committee, the funds are secured for the County.

**Master Gardeners Meeting Speaker** – Butts discussed a recent speaker, Bradley Herrick, from the UW Arboretum, who presented on Jumping Worms as an increasing concern for gardeners and yard enthusiasts. Butts noted while the topic is not so fun, the speaker engaged the group with good information.

**Other Business:**

No other business was presented at this time.

The next meeting will be scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 12:30pm.

Motion by Hoesly, second by Carter to adjourn at 1:15 pm. Motion carried.