

Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 5 - 2:00 p.m.
Room 713, Extension Office, East Hall, UWP-Richland & Zoom

Present: Van Landuyt, Craddock, Cook-Fuglsang, and via Zoom: Nelson, Williamson, Campbell, Silver, Hady, Lockwood, Murphy-Lopez.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Williamson at 2:04 p.m.
- II. Hady confirmed proof of notification.
- III. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Williamson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Van Landuyt, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- V. Public input - None
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Broadband Update - Hady provided an update on the Richland County Broadband survey.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Southwest Tech Intern – Hady reported that on January 18, Brianna Schmitt, an intern from Southwest Tech, will begin working with Chelsea Wunnicke on a special project to access community services in Richland County. The program provides 180 hours at no cost to the county.
- VIII. Out of County Requests - None
- IX. Approval of Repairs/Purchases over \$1,000 - No purchases over \$1,000 for current month.
- X. Expenditures: Office, Agent, Soils, Program and Pesticide accounts – Motion by Van Landuyt and second by Murphy-Lopez to approve the bills. Motion carried.
- XI. AED Update

Hady reported that an Area Director has been hired for the additional counties that he has been covering. As of February 1, he will be working with Area 13 counties - Richland, Crawford, Vernon, La Crosse, and Monroe.

Hady also mentioned that Vernon County has recently hired a Community Development Educator who will be working on housing and child care issues.
- XII. Educator report by Kristine Lockwood, FoodWise Educator. Presentation focused on a chronological review of the past year's programming efforts. Winter & Spring 2021 programs included a virtual tool kit that teachers could use in school or with hybrid settings. Lockwood shared an "Eating the Rainbow" video that was developed locally and used throughout Wisconsin. Summer programming focused on adults, caregivers, and senior citizens including a teaching event at Ridgeview Commons and touring and relationship building at Richland Area Farmers' Market. Fall programming returned to the classroom. Lockwood reported that teachers prioritized nutrition education throughout the year even in virtual settings. Winter programs included a new partnership with Passages. Lockwood also talked about the Growing Together Garden grant that brought together many community partners. The hands-on garden installed that the Richland Center Intermediate School will provide learning opportunities and produce for RCIS students. Following the presentation, Murphy-Lopez mentioned possible opportunities to partner with the recipients of the Richland County Child Care grants and the CSA farm, Keewaydin Farms.
- XIII. Next meeting date is February 2, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- XIV. Motion to adjourn by Van Landuyt and seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Karleen Craddock