

Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.
Room 713, UW-Richland East Hall

Present: Lewis, Kinney, Brewer, Rasmussen, Sebranek, Hady, Ziehli, and Campbell.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lewis at 9:00 a.m.
2. Hady gave proof of notification.
3. Motion by Brewer, seconded by Kinney, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Kinney, seconded by Sebranek, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.
5. There was no Public Input.
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. 4-H Position – has officially been put on hold.
 - b. Presentation to Personnel/Finance - Ziehli discussed putting together an Economic Development position and forming a five member Economic Development Committee consisting of two members from the County Board, one member each from the City of Richland Center, and Villages of Viola and Lone Rock.
7. New Business
 - a. Budget – awaiting direction from the county regarding budget guidelines. Hady went over the talking points from Dean Klemme regarding the UW-Extension budget. Discussion was held regarding the changes that will be coming down from the state.
 - b. Richland County Fair – September 9-13. Hady asked permission to close the Extension office as needed for staff to be at the fairgrounds during the county fair. Motion by Brewer, second by Sebranek, to grant permission to close the Extension office as needed during the county fair. Motion carried.
8. Out of County Requests - Motion by Brewer, seconded by Kinney, to approve out of county requests. Motion carried.
9. No purchases over \$1,000.
10. Office, Agent, Soils, Program and Pesticide accounts – Motion by Rasmussen, seconded by Sebranek, to recommend payment of all accounts. Motion carried.

11. Agent Reports – Ziehli discussed his meeting with the Southwest Regional Planning Committee and the possible business opportunities coming to southwest Wisconsin. Ziehli also informed the committee that the state increased grants for Broadband. Ziehli asked permission to investigate and write a grant for Richland County. A motion was made by Brewer, second by Kinney, to give Ziehli permission to investigate and write the grant. Motion carried.

Campbell reported on the 4-H Program summer events and activities. The committee acknowledged and thanked Campbell for her work with the 4-H Program.

12. Next meeting date is September 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 713, East Hall, UW-Richland.
13. Motion to adjourn by Kinney and seconded by Sebranek. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Sandy Campbell