

Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.
Room 713, Extension Office, East Hall, UW-Richland

Present: Brewer, Kinney, Marshall, Hady, Wunnicke, Craddock, Lenzendorf, and Campbell.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brewer at 9:00 a.m.
- II. Hady gave proof of notification
- III. Motion by Kinney, seconded by Marshall, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. Minutes approved on a motion by Kinney and second by Sebranek. Motion carried.
- V. There was no Public Input.
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. nEXT Generation – Hady reported that Area Extension Directors (AED) will be announced in next week. Richland County will be in Area 13. Counties will be charged a flat fee for agent positions rather than the 60/40 contract as in the past. All counties will be charged the same fixed rate for agent positions. Position and person will be dedicated to just one county and no longer sharing with other counties as originally planned, however, counties can work together to share a position. The fixed rate would not include travel or technology as originally proposed and would continue to operate under current model. Proposed Educators that the county could buy into are: Communities Extension Educator (\$44,256), Agriculture Extension Educator (\$44,256), Youth & Families Extension Educator (\$39,903), and 4-H Program Coordinator (\$35,550).
 - b. County Budget Updates – Budget directions have not been received from the county board.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Farm Technology Days – Hady asked permission to attend Farm Tech Days July 12 & 13 in Algoma, Kewanee County, WI. Motion to approve by Marshall and second by Kinney. Motion carried.
 - b. UWEX Agent Contract Extension – current agents' contracts will be extended from July 1 to December 31. The new nEXT Generation model will begin on January 1, and contracts will then be in line with the county fiscal year vs. the state fiscal year. Motion to approve the agents' contract extension to December 31 by Marshall and seconded by Kinney. Motion carried.
 - c. 4-H Summer Camp – Craddock requested permission to attend 4-H Summer Camp to be held at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells from July 20-22. Motion to approve by Kinney and seconded by Marshall. Motion carried.
- VIII. Out of County Requests - Motion by Kinney, seconded by Marshall, to approve out of county requests. Motion carried.
- IX. No purchases over \$1,000.
- X. Office, Agent, Soils, Program and Pesticide accounts – Motion by Marshall, seconded by Kinney, to recommend payment of all accounts. Motion carried.
- XI. Agent Report – Hady talked about the upcoming Crop Management Field Day to be held at the LaSebra Farm in Lone Rock. Specialists from UW-Madison will talk about pest/weed management, soil fertility and a demonstration plot was created to show how effective various pre-emergent herbicides were on weed species.
- XII. Next meeting date is Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 9 a.m. Matt Hanson and possibly new AED will be in attendance.
- XIII. Motion to adjourn by Marshall and seconded by Kinney. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Sandy Campbell