

Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 3, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.
Room 713, Extension Office, East Hall, UW-Richland

Present: Brewer, Wagner, Williamson, Nelson, Wunnicke, Saxe, Hady, Guest: Ruetten, Intern
Excused: Couey, Craddock.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brewer at 1:37 p.m.
- II. Saxe gave proof of notification.
- III. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Wagner, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Wagner, to approve the June 2019 minutes. Motion carried.
- V. Public input-none
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. FoodWise Educator/Coordinator Update: Final interviews are scheduled for Monday, July 8 at 10 a.m. in Crawford County. Saxe will be in attendance and other members of the Richland County committee are welcome to attend.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Dissolution of WACEC/Creation of WEXA. Saxe explained that Wisconsin Counties Association is taking on the administration of an association of County Extension Committees. To make this transition, there is the request to dissolve WACEC to allow the creation of WEXA under Wisconsin Counties Association. The dissolution requires 805 of WACEC members (individual board members serving on county extension committees) to sign a resolution. Motion by Wagner, second by Williamson to support signing the resolution to dissolve WACEC. Motion carried.
 - b. 2020 Department Budget. Saxe presented the proposed 2020 budget with total proposed county expenditures of \$192,758.97. This is a 0.4% increase compared to the 2019 budget. Motion by Wagner, second by Williamson, to support sending this budget to the full county board's finance committee. Motion carried.
 - c. Agriculture Educator position. Hady expressed appreciation for the committee's support for his 15 years as Agriculture Agent in Richland County. As of July 1, 2019, he has transitioned to role of Area Extension Director for Area 14 and will no longer be in the Richland County office. Committee members expressed gratitude to Hady for his service. Motion by Nelson, second by Wagner, to continue 50% support for an Agriculture Educator to serve Richland and Crawford counties. Motion carried. The committee discussed proposed priorities of the position to include: Dairy & livestock production including animal health, housing and handling; crops & soils, soil health; farm management including farm succession planning; general agriculture outreach & education; and educational support for local groups including master gardeners. Motion by Wagner, second by Nelson, to forward these points to UW's Human Resources to draft the position description. Motion carried.
- VIII. Out of County Requests - Motion by Wagner, seconded by Nelson, to approve out of county requests (July 9 and Aug 6 for Wunnicke). Motion carried.
- IX. Approval of Repairs/Purchases over \$1,000. None.
- X. Expenditures: Office, Agent, Soils, Program and Pesticide accounts – Motion by Wagner, seconded by Nelson, to recommend payment of all accounts. Motion carried.
- XI. AED Update—New Division of Extension brochures were distributed.
- XII. Educator report by UW-Madison Summer Intern, Abby Ruetten. Wunnicke explained that UW-Madison is paying 2 full-time interns to work at Extension Richland County June-Aug, 2019. This was a competitive process to have these positions that Craddock & Wunnicke jointly applied for and are supervising. Abby introduced herself as a 2018 graduate of Richland Center High School who will be returning to UW-Madison in the Fall as a Sophomore. She is majoring in Instrumental Music Education to become a band teacher. She is working on several projects for the Richland County 4-H and Human Development & Relationships Educators. They are planning a week long summer day camp for kids in grades 2nd-5th, going to 4-H camp at Upham Woods, leading storyhour twice a

month at the Brewer Public Library, and helping out with the Small Savings project. The other summer intern, Julia Schoen, will present at the August committee meeting.

XIII. Next meeting date is August 7, 2019 at 1 p.m.

XIV. Motion to adjourn by Wagner and seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Wunnicke.