

Richland County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.
Room 713, Extension Office, East Hall, UW-Richland

Present: Brewer, Couey, Wegner, Williamson, Nelson, Wunnicke, Saxe; Guests: Ruetten & Schoen
Excused: Craddock.

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brewer at 1:00 p.m.
- II. Saxe gave proof of notification.
- III. Motion by Couey, seconded by Wegner, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Williamson, to approve the July 2019 minutes. Motion carried.
- V. Public input - None
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. FoodWise Educator/Coordinator Update: Sheena Cook-Fulsang accepted the Crawford-Richland-Vernon Coordinator position which started today. She previously served as the Vernon County FoodWise Educator. She will start the process of hiring an additional educator soon.
 - b. Agriculture Educator Position: Educator position must have an area of emphasis, per Agriculture Institute leadership. Discussed that Livestock would be a more appropriate emphasis for our counties than Crops/Soils. Also discussed that this position will need to serve as a point-of-contact for general agriculture questions and local programming including at the County Fair. Motion by Couey, second by Wegner to have Richland-Crawford Agriculture Educator to have an emphasis in Livestock. Motion carried. Saxe will email a job description to the committee when it is available.
- VII. New Business
 - a. 2020 Educator Contract Language - draft presented by Saxe.
- VIII. Out of County Requests - Motion by Wegner, seconded by Nelson, to approve out of county requests (Aug 16 and Sept 30-Oct 4 for Wunnicke). Wunnicke will be attending the NEAFCS National Convention in Hershey, PA to accept national award & present a concurrent session for the Small Savings Build Big Dreams (early college savings) team. Motion carried.
- IX. Approval of Repairs/Purchases over \$1,000. None.
- X. Expenditures: Office, Agent, Soils, Program and Pesticide accounts – Motion by Couey, seconded by Wegner, to recommend payment of all accounts. Motion carried.
- XI. AED Update - Nothing additional.
- XII. Educator report by UW-Madison Summer Intern, Julia Schoen. Julia graduated from Ithaca High School in 2019 and will be a Freshman at UW-Madison in the Fall majoring in International Business. Abby Ruetten also introduced herself as a 2018 graduate of Richland Center High School who will be returning to UW-Madison in the Fall as a Sophomore majoring in Music Education. Julia provided an update to the work she and Abby are doing for the Richland County 4-H and Human Development & Relationships Educators. They completed a week-long summer day camp at the Richland County Fairgrounds focusing on projects that youth can bring to the fair. They assisted with 4-H camp at Upham Woods (over 30 Richland County youth attended). They have one more story-hour to lead at the Brewer Public Library (5 completed), and are researching Drug Court for Richland County.
- XIII. Determined that there is no need to hold a September meeting. Next meeting date is October 2, 2019 at 1 p.m.
- XIV. Motion to adjourn by Nelson and seconded by Couey. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Chelsea Wunnicke.