

Richland County Agriculture and Extension Committee

MINUTES

October 7, 2020 - 1:00 P.M.

Room 713, East Hall, UWP-Richland

Or by Zoom/Conference Call

<https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/95247732567>

Present: In person – Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director (AED) Lee Van Landuyt, Steve Williamson, and Carolyn Ihde, Agriculture Educator; by Zoom - Marc Couey, Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Van Nelson, Chelsea Wunnicke, Human Resource & Development (HDR) Educator, Kristine Lockwood, FoodWise Educator, Sheena Cook-Fuglsang, FoodWise Coordinator, Karleen Craddock, 4-H Program Coordinator, Sandy Campbell, Administrative Secretary and Jennie Silver, Support Staff.

- I. Meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Chairman Marc Couey.
- II. Proof of Publication confirmed by Saxe.
- III. Agenda Approval on a motion by Williamson, second by Nelson. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Murphy-Lopez, second by Van Landuyt to approve the August 5, 2020 Minutes. Motion carried.
- V. Public input – None
- VI. Unfinished Business – None
 - a. Budget meeting was last week. If all goes well, the Ag & Extension and campus cafeteria will not be affected by this budget. They don't see next year's budget being much better, departments might need to be creative if there are even more budget cuts. Couey said Oct. 27th the recommended budget will be considered.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Support staff updated position descriptions were presented by Saxe. Original request came from County Administrator. The position description breaks out the specific responsibilities and essential duties of both positions. No questions from the committee but Couey commented that it was very helpful in budget discussions. Wunnicke thanked the committee in explaining those descriptions to the board and representing the department.
- VIII. Out of County Requests – None
- IX. Approval of Repairs/Purchases over \$1,000 – None
- X. Expenditures: Procedural billing, copying bill, supplies from Walmart and other office supplies, new laptop – Motion to approve by Williamson, seconded by Van Landuyt. Motion carried.
- XI. AED Update - None
- XII. Educator Report
 - a. Karleen Craddock, 4-H Coordinator – It's National 4-H Week! Karleen went over the history and how it started in Wisconsin in Richland County! Since last year 10% of all kids in county belonged to 4-H. Shared an overview of what 4-H does

including life skills and youth development. Summed up radio interview with the host, Ron Fruit, sharing memorable impacts on his life when he participated in 4-H. Discussed service-based initiatives led by youth over the years in the county. The University connection to Extension has become important in 4-H as kids learn about subjects and topics including beef, poultry, or hog; as well as life-skills like leadership and career skills. Craddock shared about the interactions and growth that occurs through the partnership with county adults and youth and the positive impacts those relationships have on the overall community. Couey asked if there was any data on rural vs. urban participation in our county now vs. in the past. Craddock highlighted that though we don't have that data specifically, we know that there is now very similar representation, and that those demographics do not necessarily change the programming (i.e. kids from town still participate in beef, etc.). Saxe asked for an update on the road rally and sewing programs that recently happened/planned for. Craddock responded that the sewing club got together to sew masks and praised Campbell's help in organizing the Road Rally for youth. Van Landuyt asked if there was stable participation or impact on programming in 4-H, with the migration of family farms to more urban families in the community. He also shared that he was also an urban child who participated in Boy Scouts and how 4-H is also providing those great opportunities. Discussion initiated by Saxe on the role that Campbell has in civil rights and leader background checks. Discussion on Meat Animal Sale Committee event in Viola and that there was great feedback from families on the event.

XIII. Next meeting date: November 4, 1 p.m.

XIV. Motion to adjourn by Couey, second by Williamson. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Sheena Cook-Fuglsang