

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Agriculture and Extension Education Committee

Date of Meeting: May 16, 2019

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Call to order: Call to order by acting Chair Siepel at 4:04 p.m.

Members present: Nettie Rosenow, Jon Seipel, Don Black (arriving at 4:07pm)

Others present: Annie Lisowski, Carl Duley, Mary Wood, and Pat Malone

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None

Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of April 18, 2019 meeting:

Motion by Rosenow/Seipel to approve minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting as printed. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – Approve FoodWI contract/support letter for upcoming year:

Motion: Rosenow/Seipel to Approve FoodWI contract/support letter for upcoming year. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – 4-H Program Extension Associate position description: Malone shared the 4-H Program Extension Associate position description with the committee. It has been generally reviewed by the state office. Sonya Hanson told us the committee doesn't need to officially approve the position description since it won't officially be a county employee. The committee found the position description acceptable.

Review/Discuss/Action – Resolution creating and funding the 4-H Program Extension

Associate position: The committee discussed the resolution and made some adjustments to the resolution presented by Malone. Motion by Black/Siepel to approve the resolution funding the 4-H Program Extension Associate position. Carried.

Review/Discuss/Action – 2020 Changes to the 136 contract flat fees and discount: Malone shared the information about changes that the Dean's Leadership Team has decided for future contracts.

Review/Discussion/Action – Buffalo County Booth at the 2020 Farm Technology Days in

Eau Claire: The committee discussed having a Buffalo County Booth at the 2020 Farm Technology Days in Eau Claire. It would be a booth representing the entire county. Carl Duley will check with his contacts to find out the cost of such a booth. Duley will e-mail the information to Dave Danzinger to have it put on the Economic Development agenda. This committee wants to work together with Economic Development Committee on putting a promotional booth together for the County in 2020 at Farm Tech Days.

Review/Discussion – JCEP Extension Video: Mary shared an excerpt with the committee from the JCEP Extension Video. This highlights the difference Extension can make in communities and counties. Black felt the video exemplified the great work done by Extension in Buffalo County. He really liked it. Nettie suggested we show the video to the full board to help inform them about the range of work and community building Extension does. Don directed it to be put on the board agenda. Mary said she would coordinate it.

UW-Extension Reports:

Mary Wood – Shared her regular report with the committee. She focused on the basic science that supports the work she does on resilience and fragile families. The material highlights the importance of prevention. She highlighted some new developments on the work she is doing on Community Re-entry. She has been talking with Dunn County about partnering with them on their Re-entry program. The discussions have been very positive. They will start working together as a three county Re-entry program. Watch for future developments. Her written report is on file.

Annie Lisowski – Shared her report in a visual format. It highlights the activities she has done since our last meeting in April, 2019. The second side includes the plans she has for summer activities. Her written report is on file. The report includes both her 4-H events and her youth development programming. She used a Zoom meeting for her 4-H volunteers. It was very well received. One update is they are expanding the Ag and Rural Safety Days to include summer school attendees.

Carl Duley – Presented his report. Most plots are planted. He will have three plots with Dairyland Power this year. He hopes to have hemp seed by June 1. He is sharing an intern with Chippewa County. He met with the state's Frame Builders Association. He is doing a survey with them. The national association is interested in the results. This is valuable work, but it is taking a great deal of time.

Review/Discussion/Action – Establish next AEEC meeting date and identify future agenda items: The next AEEC meeting date is June 19, 2019 at 3:30pm.

Agenda items include:

- Budget
- Annual Report
- Buffalo County Booth at 2020 Farm Tech days.

There were no public comments not regarding agenda items.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm by Black

Submitted by:
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