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Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Agriculture and Extension Education Committee

Date of Meeting: June 19, 2019

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Call to order: Call to order by Chair Black at 3:38 p.m.

Members present: Nettie Rosenow, Jon Seipel, and Don Black

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

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None

Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of May 16, 2019 meeting: Motion by Rosenow/Black to accept minutes as printed. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – Cochrane Drainage Board Recommendations: Carl Duley contacted Brad Pronschinske, and he is willing to continue to serve on the drainage board. Motion by Seipel/Rosenow to recommend Brad Pronschinske to continue his service on the Cochrane Drainage Board. Carried. Malone will draft a communication for the judge to let him know the recommendation of the committee.

Review/Discussion/Action – History of WACEC-Transition to WEXA-Wisconsin Extension Association: Malone reviewed the history of WACEC and the transition to WEXA. Individual committee members signed off on the consent resolution. Pat will drop off the consent resolution tomorrow to Jon on the 20th for him to sign and then she will mail it to the WCA.

Review/Discussion/Action – 2020 Budget: Malone updated the committee on preliminary 2020 budget numbers. The draft budget will be presented at the July meeting. The county is moving towards developing an IT budget so individual departments will not have to budget for new computers. The most significant changes in the budget will be in the 136 contract with the move to a new flat fee (41,500) that applies to all educators. We will continue to have the 10,000 discount in 2020. We will see a significant savings in the insurance rate for Roxane.

Review/Discuss/Action – 4-H Program Extension Associate position update: Annie and Pat let the committee know that the Finance Committee has approved moving forward with the position. Chair Black asked if we ever intend to go to a full time position. Our initial intention was to go to this .5 position and see what difference that makes to programming for youth development and family resiliency.

Review/Discuss – Annual Report: What should we highlight? Pat will be presenting the annual report to the board in August. We need to emphasize the grant writing and leveraging that impacts the whole county. We also need to share the connections Extension has with other

county departments. The audiences that we serve by position are also important to share. Perhaps we need to share our connection with the University (smaller detail). We need to share all the roles of the staff – they are professors, capacity builders, networkers, AND teachers and applied researchers. Nettie suggested that Annie present her vaping program to the full board. We are at the cutting edge, trying to get ahead of issues. We should consider showing some portion of the video at a board meeting. Chair Black directed Malone to check with Sonya about opportunities to make presentations to the board. He encouraged us to try to build in multiple exposures over a given year. Pat will check with Sonya.

Review/Discussion/Action – Buffalo County Booth at 2020 Farm Technology Days in Eau Claire: Carl is not available to update us because he was unavailable.

UW-Extension Reports:

- Mary updated the committee on her recent work. They finished the child care clinics at CFC and St. Boniface. There are more scheduled for July. A focus of much of her work is with the Reentry Planning Workgroup. She is having more success in Pepin County than Buffalo County. The report is on file. She is working intensively on the state level with the Literacy Link. A proposal on the Literacy Link by Wood and a peer was accepted by the International Coalition for Children with Incarcerated Parents Conference in Manchester, England.
- Annie Lisowski shared her report with the committee. Went to an e-cigarette conference. Helped establish some connections that have helped her write some small grants. She did some Real Colors training with DHHS. They are looking at doing some advanced training in the near future to build staff skills in a variety of areas. She has met with Sonya to schedule the basic Colors training for department heads. Camp was very successful. Safety Day is scheduled for tomorrow. They will have a record 400 youth at the event. It is a very busy summer filled with a variety of educational opportunities for youth and student interns.
- Carl – Pat shared information on carryover grant funds that Carl uses to deliver his educational programs. See attached report.

Review/Discussion/Action – Establish next AEEC meeting date and identify future agenda items: The next AEEC meeting date is July 17 2019 at 4:00pm.

Agenda items include:

- 2020 Budget
- Annual Report

There were no public comments not regarding agenda items.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm by Black

Submitted by:
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