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**Buffalo County Minutes**

**Committee/Board:** Agriculture and Extension Education Committee

**Date of Meeting:** July 17, 2019

**Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date** July 19, 2019

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Black at 4:01 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room.

**Members present:** A roll call of members was taken. Those present included Don Black and Nettie Rosenow. Jon Seipel was excused.

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

**Public Comments regarding Agenda Items:** None

**Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of May 16 and June 19, 2019 meeting:** Malone noted that the minutes of the May 16 and June 19, 2019 meetings needed to be amended that Jon Seipel was present at both meetings via Zoom. Any votes were taken by roll call. Motion by Black/Rosenow to accept the May 16 and June 19 minutes as amended. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Annual Report:** Malone shared the annual report with the committee and highlighted the key features and the approach the department took this year. We focused on a specific program for each educator and highlighted the key roles they play when they do education – teacher, facilitator, and researcher. The committee liked the new report and recommend the educators move it forward after a final review.

**Review/Discussion/Action – 4-H Program Extension Associate position update:** The proposal/resolution was presented to the Finance Committee. They approved the position. The costs associated with the position have been included in the 2020 budget. Official county board approval will come through budget approval.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Discussion of the draft MOU with the Buffalo County Fair Association:** Malone led a discussion with the committee on the MOU that is being developed between the Extension Office and the Buffalo County Agricultural Association. The staff met Monday to review a draft and worked together to bring the draft MOU to the committee. The MOU has not yet been shared with the Ag Association. The committee is comfortable with us moving forward with the negotiations.

**Review/Discuss/Action – 2020 Extension Budget:** The staff and the committee reviewed and discussed the proposed 2020 budget. It includes our proposal for the Extension Associate educator. We are also supposed to take out telephone and computer expenses since those will now go through a specific technology budget. We continue to receive a \$10,000 discount from the state for our educators. In another change, the flat fees for the educators have changed to a

uniform fee of \$41,500 per educator regardless of Institute. There were questions about the computer budget and how that process will work. Malone will follow up with Sonya before forwarding the budget. The committee supports the budget and directed Malone to move it on to the committee and to Sonya.

**Review/Discuss – Buffalo County Booth at the 2020 Farm Technology Days in Eau Claire:**  
No additional information was provided.

**UW-Extension Reports:**

A. Annie Lisowski: A main effort this past month has been delivering the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) camp to youth at sites in Mondovi and CFC. Looking forward, she has been working with the county's Juvenile Justice Worker on preparing a grant to address truancy issues in the county. This issue affects both schools and the county depending upon how severe the problem is. This grant and any programs that arise from it if received will have a prevention focus and partner with the schools, teen court, the justice system, and DHS.

B. Carl Duley: It is growing season, and it is the time when most of his plot research work is being done. He will be conducting a Barley Field Day on July 18 at 6 p.m. He is scheduling a hemp meeting for producers for mid-August. All committee members are invited to come. He participated in a meeting with Land Conservation and Public Health the other day to discuss nitrates in groundwater. They have done some testing, but he is worried about the quality and location of the data that is available. Nettie suggested contacting UW-Stevens Point.

C. Mary Wood shared a written report with the committee. Its first audience was the CJCC. She handed out an infographic on ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and their impact on development and families.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Establish next AEEC meeting date and identify future agenda items:** The next Ag and Extension Education Committee will be held **October 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

**There were no public comments not regarding agenda items.**

**Adjournment:** Chair Black declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by:  
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