

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
February 21st 2017

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Behl called Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Larry Bischoff, Annette Thompson, Ed Nelson and Richard Bennett.

Also, present: Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Co-Department Head, Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Agent and Co-Department Head, Caitlin Richardson, Nutrition Coordinator, Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator, Bonnie Borden, Youth Dairy & Livestock Agent, Amanda Young, Dairy & Livestock Agent and Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing, Crops & Soils Agent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bennett, seconded by Bischoff to approve minutes for Tuesday, December 21st 2017. Motions carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

REVIEW OF BILLS: December 2016, January 2017 and February 2017 Expenses & Deposits will be added to March 21st 2017 agenda at that time they will be reviewed and approved at the March 21st 2017 meeting.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion to review and approve UW Extensions December 2016, January 2017 and February 2017 Revenues and Expenses at our March 21st meeting.
- b. Update on the Clean Sweep grant application.
 1. Hoffman shared research that has been done on surrounding areas and noted their process including charges, procedures and size of vehicles regarding the process of Clean Sweep. No procedure has been established at this time for Dodge's Clean Sweep in August. (FDL Colombia was referenced) Discussion included number of locations with Hoffman stating Veolia charges a set -up fee for each collection site. In the past three locations were designated for drop off depending on set-up fee the committee may consider downsizing to two locations. Other discussion included perhaps Neosho being a drop off site. Conversation also included prepay and online options for keeping the lines moving in a quicker manner.
- c. Update on the restructuring of the UW Extension provided by Hoffman
 1. Colombia, Dodge and Sauk will work together. The basis is "to have a program not a person" once the program is in place it will be much easier, more efficient and more cost effective to plug in correct people in the areas that is needed.

Behl asked if employees could go out of the Counties if needed, Hoffman said absolutely and that was the basis to have a program rather than a person/facilitator

Hoffman offered Wisconsin is one of the last few states left to implement the restructuring of UW Extension and we have the advantage to see what is working well and what Wisconsin can improve on.

d. Information on Restorative Justice

1. Restorative Justice has been in place for 15 years Judge Stork was the primary motivating force behind its inception. It focus mostly on OWI and the “repercussion of effect of their actions”. Victim Impact Panel is court ordered and brings the Victim and offender together to begin the process and hopefully closure for forgiveness and understanding to begin. Bischoff thoughts were that it may be under the law enforcement bullying, youth court etc...

Bennett said Judge Stork had spoken to the Board in the beginning of existence.

Behl question how do you get the victim to come if the offender is court ordered?

Thompson stated history may have been, the victim possibly could have been re-victimized (how is it helping? who is it helping? Is there an opening to re-victimize the victim?

Hoffman felt it is an opportunity for UW Extension to explore the possibilities of taking on more responsibilities with the program and a way to generate income.

Behl asked if we needed to adopt it Hoffman felt a meeting would be important to discuss more in detail and explore the role UW Extension may have.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Witzel: Witzel talked about the Volunteer Development Team that she is working on to create online learning for leaders around the Essential Elements, her focus is Generosity. She also shared that she completed her next Tenured Faculty Review, which is done every 5 years after a faculty member is tenured. It focuses on her work over the past 5 years in an 8 page presentation. She also mentioned that dog training has started earlier this year since a leader owns a dog training facility. Committee members can check it out on Mondays in Beaver Dam, or visit Archery on Tuesday. She also invited the committee members to listen to a presentation on the Presidential Inauguration this evening at 7 p.m.

Carroll: Carroll reported that she has been working on an innovative approach to reach young parents of children 0-5 years old. eParenting® Little Ones will be piloting a Facebook learning party in March. Carroll has added to the intellectual history of UW Extension by contributing evidence informed content to the online curriculum.

Hoffman: Hoffman continued the discussion on the restorative practices opportunity and went further into the nEXT GENERATION restructure.

Ortiz-Ribbing: Dr. Ribbing shared the highlights of the Healthy Soil-Healthy Water Workshop series which included 250 participant (mainly producers) attending the Feb. 8th day-long workshop featuring Ray Archuleta, Justin Morris, Jim Harbach, and 3 panels of local producers. About 100 people attended the second event, Save our Lakes, in the evening of Feb. 8th, and participated in a great discussion around lake issues and agriculture. The third event, Follow-up at the Farm Shop, was held on Feb 9th, at the Condon's machine shed. About 64 producers came back for a second day to discuss greater details about soil health and cover crops, no-till and strip till. The Dodge County Forage Council held their annual meeting on Feb. 10th. Dr. Ribbing was one of the featured speakers, addressing winter injury to alfalfa.

Young: Young discussed her recent and ongoing work with Farm Succession. On January 19th, Young hosted a Farm Succession workshop at Morine Tech. entitled Navigating your farms future which was attended by 42 individuals. On February 23, she will host the 6 of 7 farm succession webinars which have been attend by 4 to 10 people at the different dates. She has also had 5 farm family meetings related to farm succession and has a couple more planed for the month of March.

Richardson: New Nutrition Educator starts March 15th. Busy doing lesson at South Beaver Dam Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Forward Service, Headstart and Green Valley Life Academy. Attending SW Regional Conference. Beginning to work on agreements for fiscal year 2018 so if any knows of audiences that would benefit lessons please let Caitlyn know.

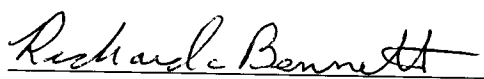
Borden: Borden reported that 31 youth successfully completed the written test for "Tractor & Machinery Certification Program" and were aided by the use of her newly completed study guide and "Kahoot" quizzes. Celebratory comments for the Dodge County Meats Team and Senior Dairy Quiz Bowl Team which have both qualified at the state contests to represent Wisconsin at the national competitions. The annual Sausage Class for 50 participants went well, having only 5 adults who have ever been to this event in the past and three quarters of the participants had never attended a UW Extension program in the past! Great outreach opportunity! Borden invited everyone to remember that the Trivia Night is approaching on March 18th at Dodgeland School with the hope to raise money to support replacing 52 year old swine pens that are rusting off the flooring in the swine barn at the Dodge County Fair Grounds.

COMMUNICATION: None

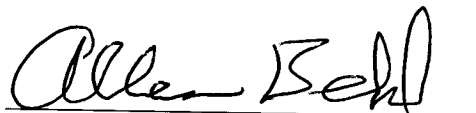
NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, March 21st 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin, rooms Admin 1C

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting was motioned to adjourn by the order of the Chairman, and seconded by Bischoff.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard Bennett, Secretary



Allen Behl, Chairman