

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

September 19, 2017

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 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 Allen Behl called Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Richard Bennett, Larry Bischoff, Ed Nelson, and Annette Thompson

Also, present: Jeff Hoffman, Area Extension Director – UW-Extension; Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator and Department Head; Bonnie Borden, Youth Dairy & Livestock Educator; Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator; Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing, Crops & Soils Educator; Amanda Young, Dairy & Livestock Educator; Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Nutrition Educator; Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bennett to approve minutes for Tuesday July 18, 2017 with a correction made on a typo to indicate “continue the current staffing at 100%” not “140%.” Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN TO GO OUT OF ORDER AS NEEDED TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT THE MEETING: Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Thompson to approve agenda and for Chairman to go out of order. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: none

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Bischoff and Thompson reported on their attendance at the Visioning Workshop in Watertown on September 14, 2017. Discussion was held regarding the sharing of a Community Resource Development educator between Dodge and Jefferson counties. Resource sharing and accountability to county Extension committees was also discussed.

Behl reported on the Clean Sweep event in Neosho on August 25, 2017.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS AND FOR CLEAN SWEEP: Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Nelson to approve the regular meeting Per Diems for July 18, 2017 and for Allen Behl at Clean Sweep on August 25, 2017.

REVIEW OF BILLS: Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and consideration to approve project applications submitted to receive funds from the County Conservation Aids Grant Program.
 - a. Amanda Young reported on two submitted applications: one from the Waupun School District to stock Lake Emily with appropriate fish species; the second application from Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association to stock game fish in Beaver Dam Lake from local licensed hatcheries.
 - i. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bischoff to approve 50% available funds for each project. Motion carried.
2. Review and consideration to approve Amendment No. 2 (employee contract #133-PRJ89UA) county contract between Dodge County and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin system.

- a. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Benett to approve Amendment No. 2 (employee contract #133-PRJ89UA) county contract between Dodge County and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin system. Motion carried.
3. Review and consideration of the 2018 UW-Extension Department budget. Discussion was held.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Borden: Borden reported that the fair went well for dairy and livestock events. More youth have "stepped up" their ability to tell their agricultural story to the public, helping the visiting public better understand reasons for various practices in showing animals at the fair. She also highlighted that the Dodge County dairy judging team has advanced through the state level of competition and will now compete at the National 4-H Dairy Judging preceding World Dairy Expo in Madison on October 2. Borden asked for committee members to congratulate this hard working dairy youth on their accomplishments: Ben Buske, Matthew Gunst, Kylie & Dawson Nickels. She also asked the committee to remember that youth involved in agriculturally related projects are the future of Dodge County agriculture and to continue their support of educational programs that aid these young people.

Carroll: Carroll reported that the eParenting Little Ones Facebook learning session went well and that the work group collected evaluative information that would be studied to determine effectiveness. Carroll reminded the committee that it is important for extension to be creative in reaching parents and that social media was one way this could be accomplished. Carroll reported that she was continuing her work with the Every Child Thrives Coalition.

Lafler: Kimberly Lafler is finishing up Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 teaching. The new FY starts on October 1st, 2017 and runs to September 30th, 2018. Lafler has been teaching at the Beaver Dam Food Pantry, The Gathering Source Food Pantry and Forward Service--a job training site for Food Share recipients in Dodge county. Both Lafler and Caitlin Richardson (county program coordinator) are starting to plan for next FY--reaching out to principals and site contacts to set up future lessons.

Dr. Ortiz-Ribbing: The Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil-Healthy Water held a cover crop field day on Aug, 2, 2017 at the Dodge County Fairgrounds which featured local farmers talking about how they planted cover crops on their farms, as well as Extension speakers. Dr. Ortiz-Ribbing discussed the on-farm cover crop trials she has assisted 3 producers establish. Producers composed about 50% of the approximately 103 people in attendance. This group is planning a Field Bus Tour of the three on-farm trial sites on October 18th. The bus tour will leave from the fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Dr. Ortiz-Ribbing will also be teaching Master Gardener Level 1 training in Fond du Lac for the next 4 weeks, for the IPM, Weed ID, Entomology and Plant Pathology classes. Level 1 training in Dodge County will begin in Feb. 2018.

Richardson: Richardson is working closely with Blue Zones on the Safe and Healthy Food Pantry Project (SHFPP). The SHFPP has the goals of making the food in the food pantries healthier for clients--getting more fresh produce, whole grains, low-sodium options etc. as well as making sure that the food in the pantry is safe for clients to eat. Richardson has also been doing the tri-county year-end reporting, which is due September 30th.

Witzel: Witzel talked about the summer Kids, Cops and Canines program which partners with the safety professionals to teach youth how to be safe. There were presentations on fire safety, boating, ATV, kids ID's were made, canine safety and online safety. There were 60 youth attending this year. Summer camp

was held at Upham Woods with 90 participants. There were no volunteers to lead the Outpost experience so the youth stayed at Base camp for meals and evening campfires, and had extended day activities, with canoeing and team building. She also shared that she will talk with the 4-H Leaders Association at their meeting about the reduction in support staff time and the uncertainty of educator roles, and the Leaders may need to take more ownership for their programs.

Young: Young talked about the beef workshop she held at Equity Livestock in Lomira on August 1st. Twenty-seven individuals attended the workshop which included discussions on breeding soundness exams, benefits of crossbreeding, facing the finances, and what the buyers are looking for. Young also talked about hosting Jerry Cesa from the USDA ag statistics service for a tour of three Dodge County dairy farms.

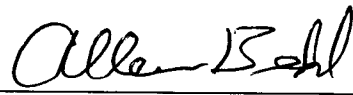
COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, Monday, October 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was adjourned by Behl at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Bennett, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman