

# **DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **December 19, 2017**

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met Tuesday, December 19 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:** Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator; Jeff Hoffman, Area Extension Director; Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Nutrition Educator; Dr. Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing, Crops & Soils Educator; Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator; Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator and Department Head; Amanda Young, Dairy & Livestock Educator.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Bischoff to approve minutes for Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Motion carried.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT:** none

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:** Behl reported on his WACEC Board Meeting attendance in Stevens Point during the week of December 11. UW-Extension representatives at WACEC discussed the impacts that the UW Colleges' transition will have with the UW Extension, the benefit for additional resources to county Extension offices, and the status of current vacancies in the southern area of the state. Behl reported on updates to PILD representation, WACEC regional boundaries, dues, and non-profit status. The 2018 WACEC Convention will be held in Stevens Point in June 2018.

**APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS:** Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Nelson to approve the regular meeting Per Diems for December 19, 2017. Motion carried.

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

**DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:**

- a. Update on the 2018 Contract negotiation.  
Hoffman will bring the updated contract to the committee in January 2018 for signing.

**EDUCATORS' REPORTS:**

Carroll: Carroll reported that she is presenting a national webinar through eXtension in collaboration with Wisconsin Department of Families and Children Trust Fund. The topic is around the Protective Factors Framework. This presentation is scheduled for January 4. Carroll also reported that she is working with UW Population Health Institute on needs assessments in Reeseville, Clyman and Juneau for The Gathering Source. Finally, Carroll reported that Watertown Department of Public Health asked her to work with them on their strategic planning.

Lafler: Lafler reported that at the end of quarter one she had 62 events with 940 contacts or participants. Events will continue with elementary schools, adult education and food pantry participants. Continued participation with with Blue Zones projects in Dodge County was also reported.

Ortiz-Ribbing: Dr. Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing reported on winter AG programs scheduled for Dodge and Fond du Lac Counties. Dodge County held the Soil, Water, & Nutrient Management Update on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> featuring Drs. Francisco Arriaga, Brian Luck, and Matt Ruark, plus Sue Porter with DATCP. There were 51 participants. Pesticide Applicator Training will be held twice in each county. Dr. Ribbing also reported that she received the Producer Led Watershed grant from DATCP that she wrote, however, the amount will be less due to the amount of applicants. As a result, she will be busy coordinating and planning on-farm cover crop research trials and a cover crop incentive program for producers.

Richardson: Richardson reported on current work with Blue Zones. She drafted two policies for the initiative one being on Safe and Healthy Food Pantries and the other on Smarter Lunchrooms. The policies went to the committee for first revisions. Richardson is working on finalizing year-end documents for the FoodWise program and getting ready for teaching in the new year.

Witzel: Witzel reported on the Annual Leader Trainings which were delivered as a national eForum for the past 3 months. They were on the Essential Elements, STEMming into Agriculture, and Growing in 4-H. Being across the nation for the first time meant some interesting discussions regarding the times for the program. It was a great chance to for volunteers across the U.S. to come together to learn. In addition, Witzel held her first Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) class for new volunteer leaders. The returning leaders are learning about the new GIS process through Human Resources to do the background check. Witzel indicated she was asked to represent county staff and faculty on the Volunteer Management Workgroup as a part of the transition to UW Madison.

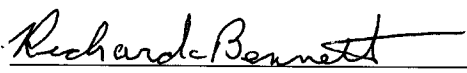
Young: Young discussed the upcoming meetings she will be hosting in 2018. These meetings include the Youth Tractor and Machine Safety Course, which is held on 3 Saturdays in January followed by a driving test in April. Dairy Talk Tuesdays will be held the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of January, which will be the second Tuesday due to the holidays and will highlight two UW-Extension Specialists each month. Additionally, Young provided the committee with the Ag calendar listing all the Ag events that Dodge County UW-Extension will be a part of this winter.

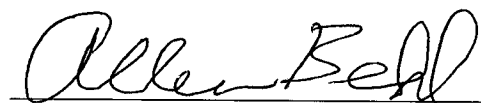
**COMMUNICATION:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting is Tuesday, January 23, 2018 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 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Richard Bennett, Secretary

  
Allen Behl, Chairman