

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

November 19, 2013

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 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: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Behl at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, Darrel Pollesch and Larry Bischoff

Also present: Jeff Hoffman, Department Head and Community Development Educator; Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator; Bonnie Borden, Dairy & Livestock Youth Educator, Sally Schoenike, 4-H & Youth Development Educator and James Mielke, County Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald, seconded by Pollesch to approve minutes for October 15, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Allen Behl reported the WACEC Board Meeting he attended on November 15, 2013. There was a lot of discussion regarding "Super Committees". To elevate the pressure of supervisors attending so many committee meetings the county re-organizes into "Super Committees" which would be ½ day meetings. Twenty three counties in the state currently have the Super Committee format. Part of the reasoning behind this type of committee is the travel cost/per diem expenses. WACEC and the WI Counties Association are trying to save money and time by collaborating with statewide conventions. One of their concerns if they change, would that keep members away?

June 24-25, 2014 is going to be the State Conference in Eau Claire, WI. Changes above are not forthcoming until 2015.

Mel Pittman – President of WACEC and Pierce County Board Supervisor is resigning as the WACEC President because he will be running for State Senate next year. A new President for the Board will be needed,

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Kriewald, seconded by Bischoff to approve the regular meeting per diems.

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

Allen requested that we not pay the WI Agriculturist subscription going forward.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Consider, discuss, and decide on fund balance transfer of \$1,510 for Wisconsin Bookworms.
- b. Consider, discuss, and decide on fund balance transfer of not more than \$800 for Parenting Education curriculum.
 1. Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Pollesch to send both fund balance transfers above to the Finance Committee.
- c. Update on the Ag Agent and Dairy/Livestock Agent postings:

1. There is currently a "lack" of applicants for not only Dodge County but Brown & Clark county Ag Agent postings as well. Our Ag Agent was supposed to close on December 3, 2013 but has now been extended to close on January 7, 2014. The Dairy/Livestock Agent position closes on November 26, 2013. By extending the deadline for the above permits UWEX to promote the open positions at the upcoming Statewide Nutrient Management Meetings which will have in attendance Ag agents, co-ops, etc. Their plan is to present/promote the current openings trying to reach out to more individuals. As of yesterday, there were no new applicants for the Ag Agent (per Jeff Hoffman) and only 2 posted for the Dairy/Livestock agent. The Dairy/Livestock position had a 'walk-in' yesterday and waiting to see if that person applies for the position.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Hoffman: Hoffman shared information about a program on conflict management he held for the Sauk County Institute of Leadership. He talked about the 2013 and 2014 UWEX budget, and shared information on the challenges of recruiting Ag Agents for UWEX.

Borden: Has been working with committees to update rules and offerings for the next 3-year junior fairbook. Borden was asked to present "Ag Careers" at the Fall 4-H Leaders' Forum in Stevens Point on November 9th. The class was well received by 33 participants.

Carroll: Carroll shared what she learned at a recent UW Extension training, Organizational Development 101. The workshop focused on how to make the most out of working with different organizations. She shared how integral it is in extension work to maintain strong relationships with partner agencies. The workshop provided her with tools to build and nurture those relationships. She gave an example of how a multifaceted approach with partner agencies can enhance program goals. Her involvement with the Dodge County Directors' Caucus allowed her access to Beaver Dam Community Hospital Kids Care where she taught a parenting class that was established through a partnership with BDUSD.


Schoenike: Schoenike gave an update on the rechartering process and upcoming "e-forums" for clubs as well as the on-line enrollment process "E-card" filing for the clubs and groups will be done shortly. She talked about 4-H Achievement and the 4-H Community Builders/Friends of 4-H Banquet and their importance in the program. Volunteers are working on Fairbook Changes for the new three-year fair book and a Youth Building Superintendents Training is being planned. School programs are going well.

COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 17, 2013 at 10:30 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 moved by Kriewald and seconded by Bischoff to adjourn at 10:03 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman