

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
AGRICULTURAL & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Monday, March 12, 2018
10:30 am

Supervisor Stillman called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

1. The meeting was properly announced.
2. Members present: Duaine Stillman, Merlin Gentz, Joe Mueller, and Patrick Laughrin
Also present: Tami Gasch; Catherine Neiswender, UW-Extension Area 10 Director; and Todd Romenesko, County Administrator
Excused: Mike Hofberger
3. Supervisor Stillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Moved by Supervisor Mueller and seconded by Supervisor Laughrin to approve the agenda for the March 13, 2018, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting.
5. Moved by Supervisor Gentz and seconded by Supervisor Mueller to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018, Ag & Extension Education Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Participation
none
7. Report of Committee Members
 - a. Reports of official meetings held since the last Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
none
 - b. Upcoming Events
none
8. Communications
Announced that Ron Richter, Master Gardener and 4-H volunteer, passed away. He was a 30-year volunteer and supporter. Supervisor Stillman shared his obituary.
9. Items for Action or Discussion
 - a. Tami Gasch, Interim 4-H Youth Development Educator
Gasch provided an update on the 4-H Pinewood Derby held in February and provided a recap of other 4-H events. The Pinewood Derby had 40 participants, grades kindergarten through adult. Tami also reported that three new volunteers attended the Volunteers in Preparation training on March 7. Our 4-H program currently has approximately 140 adult volunteers. She also reported on the Family Game Night/ Spelling Bee held on March 10.
 - b. Family Living Program Transition - Co-parenting was absorbed by Health & Human Services, other programs are on hold. FoodWise continues as a separate entity working with programs to low-income families through schools, WIC, and Salvation Army. Gentz wants to be cognizant of what programming isn't being offered to citizens to keep in mind at budget time. Partnerships still may offer services, Rent Smart is being offered in the Valley and is open to all area residents. Home Alone is an online-only program, so residents are still able to access that material. ADRC is offering senior programs. Laughrin requested to keep track of Family Living calls to see if there has been a need. Gentz suggested Romenesko and Neiswender keep in touch to review where gaps may exist. (Request was made to resend the exit report

when minutes go out for March.) HCE organization is working with the state president and can receive guidance from other counties. (Fifty counties have an HCE program.)

10. Report of Department

a. Catherine Neiswender, UW-Extension Area 10 Director

- Agriculture Educator recruitment update - the position was reposted due to a failed search. The position is now scheduled to close on April 3. Applicant review and scheduling will begin April 9. Neiswender is seeking to use the same committee for the final interviews, currently planned for the week of April 23 or later.
- State update - there is an external UWEX email communication that will start coming out once or twice a month. Neiswender will send the sign up link to the Extension Committee and administration to sign up if they would like to.
- Neiswender also agreed to send the committee information about any updates about WACEC.

11. Set next meeting date: The next meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee will be held on April 9, 2018, at 10:30 am.

12. Adjourn

Supervisor Gentz moved to adjourn and Supervisor Laughrin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Neiswender
UW-Extension Area 10 Director