

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AG and EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEES
OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY
WEDNESDAY, February 3, 2016 – 9:30 AM
Ag & Extension Meeting Room – Courthouse, Darlington**

Members Present: John Bartels, Carol Korn, Larry Ludlum, Jack Wiegel, Leon Wolfe

Others Present: Lori Berget, Mary Knellwolf, Kory Stalsberg, Ted Bay

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Bartels at 9:30 a.m.

Knellwolf stated that the meeting had been properly posted in the Ag Center, Courthouse and Darlington Municipal Building, and sent to the Republican Journal.

A motion was made by Wiegel and second by Wolfe to approve the Agenda for the Ag & Extension Committee meeting on February 3, 2016. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ludlum and second by Wiegel to approve the minutes from the Ag & Extension Committee meeting on January 6, 2016. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wolfe and second by Wiegel to approve the minutes from the Ag & Extension Committee meeting on January 22, 2016. Motion carried.

Discussion and Update on (nEXT Generation) New Model for Extension and Joint Ag & Extension Committee Meeting

Committee discussed the joint meeting in length. Committee felt a very good conversation took place between the 4 Committees as well as the Dean of UW-Extension, a representative from the Chancellor's office and Matt Hanson, Southern Regional Director. The Committee members are very interested in the Steering Committee's effort to establish planning work groups. They want to be kept informed of any updates.

Discussion and Update on Civil Rights

Knellwolf and Berget reported on recent Civil Rights meeting in Madison with UW-Extension employees who recently went through review last fall. Very helpful information was learned and will be applied to our review for fall of 2016. Good suggestions were noted from the meeting.

Update on Tire Removal Project

Advertising on website, newspaper, Facebook and 4-H letter has been done. Committee recommended information to be sent to all Townships to be posted in the Town Halls.

Discussion and Update on Future Clean Sweep Program

The grant process will open March 2016 for a 2017 Clean Sweep Grant. Berget plans to work with Iowa & Grant Counties CNRED educators on this project.

Educator Updates

Stalsberg – provided a handout for the meeting detailing his dairy and livestock report for Lafayette County.

Bay – provided handout for the meeting detailing his Lafayette County contacts. He has an upcoming Grain Production & Market Update meeting at Belmont Convention Center on Thursday, February 18, 2016.

Berget – provided a handout for the meeting; reported on upcoming Tractor Safety Program starting in March 2016; STEM programing; National JCEP Conference; Farm to School, and Livestock Quiz Bowl.

Knellwolf – reported on Lunch Bunch, HCE, Homeless Coalition, and planning for upcoming Children's Fair in April, 2016.

Review of Vouchers

A motion was made by Ludlum and second by Wiegel to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Matt Hanson will be present for performance reviews.

Future Agenda Items

UW-Extension nEXT Generation update.

Adjournment

Moved by Wiegel and second by Wolfe to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Knellwolf, FLE
UW-Extension Co-Department Head