

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AG and EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEES
OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY
WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2016 – 9:30 AM
UW-Extension Meeting Room – Courthouse, Darlington**

Members Present: John Bartels, Carol Korn, Leon Wolfe, Tony Ruesga

Others Present: Lori Berget, Mary Knellwolf, Ted Bay, Matt Hanson, Mikayla Wedige, Kayla Barnes

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 Wolfe and second by Korn to approve the Agenda for the Ag & Extension Committee meeting on June 1, 2016. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Korn and second by Wolfe to approve the minutes from the Ag & Extension Committee meeting on May 4, 2016. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Resignation – Mary Knellwolf, Family Living Educator

A motion was made by Wolfe and second by Korn to accept Mary Knellwolf's resignation. Motion carried.

State Extension Updates – Matt Hanson, SW Regional Director

Matt Hanson reported on the changes being proposed by UW-Extension. Teams are being formed. Ruth Schriefer (Iowa County FLE) and Bob Keeney (Grant County Extension Committee Member) from our area are on the team.

a. Welcome New Committee Member

Tony Ruesga was introduced and was welcomed by Committee members.

b. Discussion and Current Update on (nEXT Generation) New Model for Extension

Hanson discussed the process of the Teams and how they are moving forward to meet the goals set up by the Chancellor.

c. Discussion about Family Living Program Priorities and Coverage

Knellwolf discussed the program of "Parenting After Divorce" as well as her work on Coalitions in the County. A discussion about sharing services from other counties' FLE was held. Possibly utilizing services from Grant, Iowa, and Green Counties. A motion was made by Wolfe and second by Ruesga to hire a person to cover the office during June and July for a maximum of 30 hours per week very flexible hours as needed to cover office with the exception of up to 40 hours per week during Lafayette County Fair week. Motion carried.

Discussion and Update on Civil Rights

Knellwolf discussed the recent visit by Mike Maddox explaining the process for the Civil Rights Review for Lafayette County in 2016. He stressed to record our efforts for outreach. Amish and Hispanic outreach is the most common in our County.

Discussion and Update on 2016 State WACEC Conference – June 20-21, 2016 – Wausau, WI
Hanson gave the update on the conference. No Committee Members were able to commit to the conference.

Discussion and Possible Action on Use of UW-Extension Supplies and Equipment

The Committee discussed the sharing of office space, supplies, and general flow of clients through the office. This discussion will continue to next meeting when other office partners will be asked to attend.

Educator Updates

Ted Bay – gave a PowerPoint presentation on the role of Extension specialists. He explained examples of state specialists and how questions are answered in a very timely manner about how this research based information is valuable to Extension clients needing it quickly! (Examples: saving crops and greenhouses.)

Mikayla Wedige – the 4-H Summer Intern gave a brief update on her 4-H responsibilities such as 4-H Camp, Newsletters, and the Fair.

Lori Berget – provided a detailed handout on her 4-H projects and accomplishments.

Review of Vouchers

A motion was made by Wolfe and second by Korn to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Future Agenda Items

- nEXT Generation Extension Model Process
- office space sharing and expenses
- invite other office staff to our Committee meeting (Lopez, Weis kircher, Steiner) – itemize

Adjournment

Moved by Korn and second by Wolfe to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Knellwolf, FLE
UW-Extension Co-Department Head