

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF AG and EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEES
OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY
WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2016 – 9:30 AM
UW-Extension Meeting Room – Courthouse, Darlington**

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

Others Present: Lori Berget, Ted Bay, Mikayla Wedige

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Bartels at 9:31 a.m.

Berget 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 July 6, 2016. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Korn and second by Wiegel to approve the minutes from the Ag & Extension Committee meeting on June 1, 2016. Motion carried.

Jack Sauer said he would check into more chairs for the conference table.

Discussion and Current Update on nEXT Generation – New Model for Extension

There has not been any new business since the joint meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on Joint County Program Meeting (6/28/16)

Wolfe brought forward would Green County be willing to share FLE agent? Green County person called Wolfe – said they are willing to discuss.

Good turn out from all counties (Lafayette, Green, Grant, and Iowa).

Ways to hire currently (discussed) – Discussion on Master's Degree requirements.

Discussion and Update on Temporary Program Assistant for June and July

Berget has been assisting as necessary and doing very well in assisting.

Discussion and Update on LCLC Remodel Projects at the Fairgrounds

Air conditioning in the kitchen since the remodel and it looks great! Wiegel commented on dairy barn looking great; kitchen will be very nice to work in and serve from. Black top between dairy barn and floral hall needs to be fixed before next year.

Discussion and Update on Chancellor Sandeen's Visit – July 7, 2016

Handed out agendas as needed. There were no additions to the agenda. Three of the committee members cannot be there due to another committee commitment – Wolfe, Bartels, and Korn.

Discussion and Update on Civil Rights

Just a reminder we get audited in November, 2016.

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

Staff use of FLE's office for Ted/Kory, Ag Educators – currently sharing an office but is not working well – would like to use vacant FLE office to house one Ag Educator. Committee agreed.

Sauer talked about part-time tourism position. Fill the spot at 50% with no benefits at \$20/hour. Wanted to make sure we don't use all of Extension money to fill that position. Committee voiced concern about future of CNRED position.

Educator Updates

Bay – Reported the needs assessment survey that Grant County completed – and how similar items surfaced for both counties as needs for the citizens: Conservation, Invasive Plants/Crop Production, Farm Transition/Success & Financial Management and Beginning Farming. He also addressed major programs that had taken place/were yet to come.

Stalsberg – presented a hand out.

Berget – Reported what major programs and activities were happening currently with youth in Lafayette County, and provided a detailed handout to all committee members.

Wedge – Reported on 4-H Camp, State 4-H Youth Conference and the upcoming Lafayette County Fair, in addition the Adventure & Discovery day held on June 30th at the fairgrounds.

FLE Position – Wolfe moved and second by Korn to re-fill the FLE position and have discussions with Green County to share an agent up to 50% time. Motion passed. Wolfe will contact Green County.

Review of Vouchers

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

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 8, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Future Agenda Items

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Adjournment

Moved by Wolfe and second by Wiegel to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Berget, 4-H & Youth Educator
UW-Extension Co-Department Head