

MINUTES APPROVED AUGUST 14, 2015
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
UW-Extension, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220, Sparta, WI
Friday, July 10, 2015

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Nodji Van Wychen at 9:15 a.m.

Members present were: Nodji Van Wychen and Gail Chapman. Agents present were: Bill Halfman and Erin Eggert. Others present were: Brittany Meyers, Summer Assistant. Member(s) absent: Dave Pierce, James Schroeder, Mary Cook, Joshua Goede, Alli Karrel, and Jarrod Roll.

There was not a quorum of committee members

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Monroe County Extension Office, Rolling Hills Conference Room 220, Sparta.

THE DEKE SLAYTON MEMORIAL SPACE AND BIKE MUSEUM REPORT— No report given

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT— No Report given

COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS—No Discussion

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS

> Agent Program and Updates/Reports

The Extension agents (Family Living and Agriculture) and the Summer Assistant provided updates on current programs/impacts. (Reports given attached)

Motion was made to adjourn by Gail Chapman, seconded by Nodji Van Wychen and approved on a 2-0-3 vote at 9:56 a.m.

—Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

Erin Eggert, Family Living Agent

Family Living Update July 1, 2015 to July 8, 2015

The FLA started on July 1, 2015. She has been through some orientation with Lori Zierl, the Family Living Agent Liaison for new agents.

The FLA has been reaching out to other FLA and other potential collaborators introducing herself and letting them know of her start. In addition, the FLA has written an article for the HCE newsletter and newspapers to announce her start.

The FLA has been out in the community meeting with future collaborators including the Monroe County Health Department, the Scenic Bluffs Health Center, and a previous Scenic Bluffs and Extension employee; Amy Schanhofer.

The FLA has also developed a Monroe County Family Living facebook page (www.facebook.com/MonroeCountyFamilyLiving) and Pinterest page (www.pinterest.com/MonroeCoUWExt/). She has also worked on the UW Extension Monroe County Family Living wordpress webpage.

Upcoming Events

7/15, 7/22, 7/23, 8/5, 8/6-Cooking Lessons at Fort McCoy with the 4H Agent and Summer Assistant

7/21- Meeting on Community Gardens with 4H Agent

7/22- Meeting with Ho-Chunk with Ag Agent

7/27-8/2- Fair preparation through takedown

Brittany Meyers



4-H Summer Camp – Upham Woods

Wednesday, June 17th – Saturday, June 20th, I worked with Josh at 4-H Summer Camp at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. Prior to camp, I created the camp buttons and handbook, and ran copies for all of the campers, counselors, and adults attending. I also facilitated counselor training with Josh. My main role while at camp was to supervise dining hall set-up and clean-up, and to coordinate snack each evening. I also supervised counselor-led groups as they attended various stations around camp.

Tractor Safety

On June 29th, 30th, and July 1st, I worked with the Tractor Safety instructor team at the Sparta Barney Community Center. During these three days, I helped teach the in-classroom portion of the course.

Newsletter

I contributed an introduction of myself for the July/August 4-H newsletter, along with several short articles about recent and upcoming 4-H events. I also included information and registration forms for the boys and girls science camps and the day trip in August.

Science Days

This year, I have planned a science day for both girls and boys. Boys Science Day will be held on Tuesday, July 14th, and Girls Science Day will be held on Thursday, July 16th, both at Rolling Hills. Both the boys and the girls will be participating in five science experiments, with some history and literacy mixed in throughout the day.

Day Trip

I am currently planning a day trip for 4-H youth in third through fifth grades. On Wednesday, August 12th, we will be travelling to Niagara Cave in Harmony, MN and to the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum in Decorah, IA. We will tour the cave and a childhood home of Laura Ingalls Wilder, so science and history will both be integrated into the trip.

Tri-Folds

I have been working on a tri-fold project to promote various 4-H projects. By the end of the summer, I hope to have tri-folds completed for Cloverbuds, Shooting Sports, Festival of Arts, and Jr. Leaders, as well as a general information board on getting involved.



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update June 13 to July 10, 2015

The Ag Agent hosted the Ag Agents from northwestern Wisconsin for a regional project planning workshop where they planned upcoming projects and discussed current projects on June 16th. They also had a tour of Ft. McCoy.

Dr. Gevens, UW Extension Vegetable Plant Pathologist, and the ag agent worked on two vegetable disease monitoring projects and did farm visits to produce growers on June 18th. One of the monitoring projects has a HS youth co-investigator.

The Ag Agent gave an update on UW Extension Dairy resources to the Ag Source DHIA managers who held their in-service workshop in Monroe County on June 19th.

The Ag Agent has been interviewed by Channel 8 television twice in the past month.

The Ag Agent has been doing numerous farm visits to help diagnose crop problems and help the producers develop plans to correct the problem. There have been a couple of herbicide drift problems and then typical crop problems. The most common phone question has been "what is hay worth?"

Tractor and Machinery Operation Safety was held June 29 through July 1. There were 32 participants in the class this year. Instructors for the class included the Ag Teachers from Tomah, Sparta, and Brookwood, along with the Ag and 4-H Agents and the Summer Assistant. Guest presenters included the Sparta Fire Department, Sparta First Responders, Monroe County Health Department Nurses, and retired Sheriff Chuck Amundson. 29 of the participants earned their Tractor and Machinery Operation Certificate. St. Joseph Equipment provided three tractors for the driving practicum, Dwight Carlisle loaned us a kicker bale wagon and the Sparta Golf Course Maintenance crew loaned us a 2 wheel trailer and a place to keep the machinery overnight.

The Ag Agent worked with Dr. Erin Silva, UW Extension Organic Productions Specialist, and Anne Pfeiffer, UW Assistant Research Scientist, to present information on GAP certification, and the upcoming Food Safety and Modernization Act. At this time there is a lot of mis-information out there. Some of the groups are a lot more receptive to learning about this than the others at this time. At this time it appears that UW Extension will have an educational role in the process, but not a regulatory and inspection role.

UW Extension will be offering the Farm Service Agency the opportunity to co-host some Dairy Margin Protection Plan workshops.

The Ag Agent is waiting for some wiring to be done to resume black light trapping for crop insect pests.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

July 13 Dr. Gevens visits

July 18 Richland County Beef Field Day

July 21 Meet with Ho-Chunk and Lac Court Oreilles

July 22 Composting Workshop- Blue Wing Community Garden

June 25 Fair Livestock set up and clean up day

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Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

July 29- Aug 2 Monroe County Fair

Aug 5 Carcass Judging

Aug 11 Agronomy Field Day

Aug 15 Tree Farm Workshop Cataract

Aug 18-19- Native American Culture Education Conference

Aug 25 to 27 Farm Technology Days

Sept. 12 4-H Shotgun Adult leader certification training- Marshfield

Sept. Filming Tractor Safety video sequel

Sept. Beef Cow Calf Day in cooperation with Western WI Beef Producers

Sept 21 to 24- North Central Academy- Michigan

Oct 20 Demographic Mapping workshop

November 11-13- All Extension Conference

November 11 Pest Management Update