

.....**MINUTES (APPROVED.10/17/12)**
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, ROLLING HILLS COMPLEX, ROOM 220
Friday, September 14, 2012

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nodji Van Wychen at 9:00 a.m.

Members present were: Nodji Van Wychen, Mary Cook, Gail Chapman, Dale Greeno and David Pierce. Agents present were: Bill Halfman, Karen Joos, and Amy Steies. Others present were: Jarrod Roll, Deb Jones, UW Extension Western Regional Director. Members absent were: Will Cronin and Alli Karrells.

Motion was made by Mary Cook to accept the minutes for the past meeting as printed. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension Office, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220.

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

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT was given by Jarrod Roll. Motion was made by David Pierce to accept the Local History Room Report and pay bills for the month. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 5-0 (report attached)

- ◆ **Discussion/Approval: Budgetary Adjustment**—Motion made by Mary Cook to approve transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,500 from the Intern Grant Revenue account (10.612.48582) into the appropriate accounts as follows: Salaries (10.612.55120.110) - \$2,315.00, Fringe Benefits (10.612.55120.150) - \$178.00, and Worker's Compensation (10.612.55120.152) - \$7.00 for paying for summer intern. Seconded by Dale Greeno. Motion passed. 5-0
- ◆ **Discussion/Approval: Shelving Purchase**—Motion made by Mary Cook to approve the purchase of shelving from Bernie's Equipment Company, Inc. for \$2,912.64 from the History Room's non levy funds. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion passed. 5-0

COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS

- ◆ **Discussion of Other Potential Projects**—No projects discussed.

REVIEW AND SUGGEST UPDATES TO AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND DUTIES—Motion made by Mary Cook to not suggest any changes to the Ag & Extension Committee Composition and Duties as reviewed by the committee. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion passed. 5-0

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS—The Extension educators provided education current programs/impacts. Motion made by Dale Greeno to accept agent program reports and office bills/credit card expenditures. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0 (reports attached)

UW-Extension Regional Director Deb Jones presented information on the time line and process for refilling the 4-H Youth Development Position to the committee.

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENT PERMANENT POSITION DISCUSSION WITH UW EXTENSION REGIONAL DIRECTOR— Motion made by David Pierce to recommend refilling the 4-H Youth Development position at a 100% level. Seconded by Dale Greeno. Motion passed. 5-0

EXTENSION OF INTERIM 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENT POSITION—Motion made by Mary Cook to recommend continuation of interim 4-H position at 80% until permanent position begins. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion passed. 5-0

Motion was made to adjourn by David Pierce, seconded by Mary Cook, and approved on a 5-0 vote at 10:10 a.m.

Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

Monroe County Office
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee

Report by: Karen Joos

September 2012

Program Related

- Conducted one-on-one family spending planner session with two families.
- Monroe County Housing Coalition Education Committee meeting focused on planning an educational landlord workshop on October 25th including highlights of new legislation affecting landlords, recycling efforts, energy assistance programs, and smoke free apartments.
- As a coalition member, participated in the Monroe County Safe Communities Coalition strategic planning session.
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Monroe County Planning Council focused on agency updates and fall programs
- Met with Couleecap staff along with Safe Communities Coalition Executive Committee regarding Drug Free Communities Grant.
- Attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Monroe County Housing Coalition, focused on homeless project updates, report from the Home for Everyone Conference and agency updates
- As a Monroe County representative, attended the quarterly meeting of 7'cs focused on tobacco use education and prevention.
- Monroe County bi-weekly OWI Court Team and Team Meetings
- Monthly HCE Bridge
- Wrote weekly Karen's Korner columns for the Sparta and Tomah newspapers
- Answered consumer food storage and food preservation questions
- Tested 5 pressure canner dial gauges for accuracy

Jackson/Monroe/Vernon Leadership Program

- Marketing through individual contacts, letters and press releases for recruitment of Class VII participants. Planning and preparations for the September seminar.

Other Activities

- In an advisory capacity, attended the Monroe County HCE Executive Board meeting and picnic.
- As a Monroe County representative and Couleecap Board member, attended the monthly Planning & Evaluation Committee and board meetings

Future program plans:

- OWI Court and evaluation plans
- WAHCE State Conference & Workshop
- Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership Program October & November Seminars
- Landlord Workshop

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CNRED Agent Update, September 14, 2012

The CNRED Agent has been engaged in the following activities:

- Lugar de Reunion has completed and adopted a strategic plan. The CNRED Agent facilitated the process, drafted the plan, handled the revision process and submitted it to the LdR Steering Committee for approval.
- The Agent facilitated two more IBuyMoCo planning sessions, drafting a work plan for 2013. The draft plan includes a monthly buy-local newspaper column, a quarterly “feature” piece promoting buy-local, a new IBuyMoCo website and potentially a program of local business visits to promote partnership with the program.
- Agent facilitated the strategic planning process for the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition and drafted the plan. It was presented to the group and discussed at the most recent meeting. Feedback was very positive. Revisions will be made and the plan will be, hopefully, formally adopted at the October meeting.
- Agent attended the Southern Region WACEC meeting along with members of the Agriculture and Extension Committee.
- Agent continues to work with Scenic Bluffs Community Health Center in Cashton. Planning is currently ongoing for a strategic planning process for the Cashton Community Wellness Program, which will begin this fall.
- A draft of the Economic Development Readiness tool the Agent has been collaborating on is being circulated among regional economic development professionals. The goal of the tool is to give Extension educators a starting point for communities just embarking on Economic Development efforts.
- Agent continues to work with partners in Extension to respond to the ongoing sand mining situation.
- Agent continues to support the Economic Development, Commerce and Tourism Committee in its research on countywide economic development options. He brought representatives from the nonprofit Community Economic Development Associates to the August meeting. The Monroe County Corporation Counsel will attend the September meeting to discuss the process of forming an Economic Development Corporation.

Amy Steies



Record Books

Agent has been assisting in the collection of record books and preparation for judging. More were turned in this year than last year. Record books document the growth of the member throughout the past year. Judging began on Monday, September 10th and will continue the whole week or until completed by county 4-H adults who are volunteering their time and talents to judging. Recognition for their efforts will be given at Achievement Night on October 20th.

Fall Paper Clover Promotion

Agent contacted all club General Leaders to gauge interest and availability in being on-site at the Fall Paper Clover Promo in conjunction with the Tractor Supply Store in Tomah. The three largest clubs in the county will be on-site at the store on either Saturday, September 22nd or the 29th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Activities include bake sale where proceeds will go to another community service cause of the club's choice, having fair projects on display, and having animals and a dog agility setup in addition to educational information on hand about the animals. Promotional displays will be available to promote not only the county's 4-H program, but also club information is available to the store's customers. A press release as well as a radio announcement was sent out to promote the event, held bi-annually with an event in the spring and another in fall.

National 4-H Week

Agent has been planning for National 4-H Week which takes place from October 7-13th. Newsletter release was done to encourage each club to put up a community display to publicize their club and the 4-H program; the Leaders' Association offers a financial incentive for those clubs partaking in this opportunity. Agent is working on getting a press release to the local newspapers as well as looking into having people record radio spots for a local radio station. Contact has been made with the Deke Slayton Museum to offer free admission to anyone who mentions that it is National 4-H Week during this time. Promotional displays as well as youth members' fair project are to be on display throughout the duration of this time.



Seventeen members of The Jolly Joiners performed a mini-drama performance entitled "The Rainbow People" about tolerance and getting along with others at the State Fair on Tuesday, August 7th

Amy Steies



State Documentation

Agent has been working on completion of year-end documentation that needs to be submitted to the state in the form of the ES-237 Report. In addition, Agent has been answering questions or providing resources to help club leaders complete their annual club Charter Renewal paperwork. In preparation for the UW-Extension's December Civil Rights review, Agent has been distributing documentation for organizations to complete and return so it can be kept on file to prove non-discrimination compliance. Agent is collecting data in regards to enrollment numbers and demographics of those involved in 4-H-related activities throughout the last year in addition to this year to be used for Civil Rights Day.

Upcoming Events

September

- 15-Boys and Girls Club "Day for Kids" @ Winnebago Park, Tomah, 4-6 p.m.
- 17-Leaders' Association Meeting @ Rolling Hills Activity, 7:30 p.m.
- 18-Regional Meeting @ Fanny Hill, Eau Claire (all day)
- 19-30-Paper Clover Promo @ Tractor Supply Company Store, Tomah
- 22-Monroe County 4-H Clubs @ Paper Clover Promo, TSC Store, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 24-4-H Art Club @ Rolling Hills Activity Room, 6-8 p.m.
- 27-Horse and Pony Project Ice Cream Social @ Wilton, 6:30 p.m.
- 28-30-Cranfest, Warrens
- 29-Monroe County 4-H Clubs @ Paper Clover Promo, TSC Store, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

October

- 1-Charter Documents Due to UW-Extension Office
- 1-Secretary's Books Due to UW-Extension Office
- 2-Brookwood CLC, 3:50 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
- 6-7-Art Camp @ Upham Woods
- 7-13-National 4-H Week
- 11-4-H Wisline, 9-10:30 a.m.
- 14-All-Breed Dairy Club Meeting, @ Adrian Town Hall, 1:30 p.m.
- 15-National 4-H Week Displays Due
- 15-Sparta CLC, 3:00-5:45 p.m.
- 16-4-H Western District Meeting, Eau Claire
- 20-Achievement Program @ Cashton High School, 7:30 p.m.
- 21-Junior Leader Meeting @ Cashton Community Hall, 2 p.m.
- 28-Club Officer Training @ UW-Extension Office/Rolling Hills, Sparta, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. with meal to follow

November

- TBD-Leaders' Banquet
- 1-Member Evaluations Due to UW-Extension Office
- 3-Fall Forum @ Stevens Point
- 6-Brookwood CLC, 3:50 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
- 8-4-H Wisline @ 9-10:30 a.m.
- 9-Leaders' Banquet @ Colonial, Sparta; 6:30 p.m. Social Time/7:00 p.m. Meal
- 15-2012-2013 Enrollment Forms due to the Extension Office
- 19-Sparta CLC, 3:00-5:45 p.m.

December

- 4-Brookwood CLC, 3:50 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
- 6-Civils Rights Review Day @ UW-Extension Office
- 13-4-H Wisline @ 9-10:30 a.m.
- 17-Sparta CLC, 3:00-5:45 p.m.

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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update August 10, 2012 to September 14, 2012

Area Crop Management Field Days were held on August 14 and 15th. Approximately 120 people attended the workshops. Attendees included farmers and agronomists. Topics covered included spider mites in soybeans, estimating yield and managing the corn crop relative to harvest decisions, herbicide resistance and the possibility of herbicide carry over due to the excessively dry weather.

Two dairy farms in the county are participating in a study being conducted by the Dairy Science Department looking at genomics in herds that do higher amounts of grazing with the milking herd.

The Ag Agent is working with two dairy farms on facilities. One farm is looking at improving ventilation in a young stock barn and the other is looking at options for placing a small free stall set up for their organic dairy.

The Ag Agent was involved in the discovery of the spotted wing drosophila fly in Wisconsin. The fly is a severe pest to soft skinned fruit like raspberry, blueberry and strawberry. This pest has since been detected throughout the state. Efforts are going on at this time to implement monitoring programs to determine if it will overwinter in Wisconsin and for developing management plans for growers to use next year if needed.

The UW Extension Vegetable Pathologist and Entomologist were up in Monroe County one day and visits were done at a number of farms in the Wilton and Ontario area to see how the growing season was going and to get ideas on educational needs.

The grant proposal that was submitted to do a multi-state (WI, IA, and MN) project to develop best management practices for organic vegetables did not receive funding. The grant proposal from the Risk Management Agency to help fund the winter cattle feeder series did receive funding.

The Monroe and La Crosse County Ag Agents are planning to offer a series of monthly discussion group type meetings for dairy farmers this coming winter. Details are being worked on at this time.

There have been a lot of questions on hay, pricing silage, nitrates and related topics.

Upcoming Events

October 10-12 UW Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Annual Conference

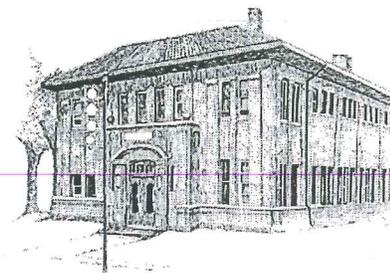
November 14th Pest Management Update- Sparta

November 28th Soil and Fertilizer Update- Sparta

January 7th Agronomy Update- Sparta

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County Historian's Report, August 2012 Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Sorted through Framed Collection Storage, including cataloging items previously uncataloged and updating entries for others needing more information, took photos of the framed collections and matched the photos to their catalog entry;
- Attended two day workshop in Franklin, WI, about graphic design and interpretive writing
- Created and presented a semi-annual report in a PowerPoint presentation for the County Board
- Consulted with computer techs to fix our troubled computers
- Consulted with conservators and curators about inexpensive shelving options for the Court Records Room
- Attended half-day mandatory Supervisory Training provided by the county
- Created LHR Expense/Income report Jan-Aug. 2013
- Regular tasks: provide research assistance to the public via email, telephone, mail, and in person patrons; create agenda and minutes; process photo duplication orders; balance LHR financial books and draft monthly report; process mail and bills; check fire extinguishers; send time sheets; process new donation offerings; chat with public; confer with Alli Karrells about museum issues and activities; attend Ag/Ex meeting; attend Co. Economic Development & Tourism Committee meeting and participate in related projects

In addition to the projects listed above, I supervise the following volunteer and support staff:

- Janet Hendersin: process new donations: assign accession numbers, catalog, store; assist researchers; assist with exhibit development
- Paul Kuester: work on indexing projects; work on clerical duties as assigned
- Agnes Jenkins: indexing newspapers
- Dennis Burek: photo scanning projects; data entry projects; assist with clerical duties
- Barb Reedich: research Water St. businesses for book/walking tour; answer research requests
- On call (Carolyn Hendersin, Dennis Burek, Mary Zischke): data entry; research assistance
- Kathy Nuttall (working from home): indexing Monroe County Rural School Annual Reports
- Helga Rogers: data entry projects; assist with clerical duties
- Katie Marx: transcribing Civil War era newspaper articles for the book
- Patrick (Youth Worker): various clerical and data entry projects
- Andrew (summer intern): various research projects, including planning the updating of the LHR hallway displays