

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, May 19, 2022
James P. Coughlin Center - Volunteer Room
& Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Steve Binder, Doug Zellmer, Tom Borchart, Kay Horan, and Karen D. Powers.

Members Absent: None.

Extension Winnebago County Staff: Chris Viau, Sarah Thompson, Dana Berger, Mia Ljung, Todd Wenzel, and Amy Hendrickson.

Others Present: Mike Norton (Winnebago County Board Supervisor).

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by Steve Binder.

Comments from the Public Related to Items on the Agenda/Requests to Add Items to the Next Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Zellmer moved to approve the 3/17/2021 minutes, second by Borchart. Motion carried 5-0.

Safety Share – Tom Borchart: Borchart reminded everyone to maintain awareness and safety practices regarding COVID. With the summer season beginning, Borchart reminded everyone to practice sun safety and wear sunscreen. Viau shared that county departments are currently updating their Continuity of Operations Procedures. He reminded everyone to have their own personal/family plan as well.

Committee Chair Report: Binder welcomed new committee member, Kay Horan. Introductions followed.

Winnebago County Fair Association: Domke will present at the June meeting.

UW Division of Extension Program or Educator Reports and Updates:

- **Community Development** - Ljung distributed a program update and an event flyer. Ljung has helped to create a directory of Community Gardens within Winnebago and Outagamie counties. The directory/map is available on the Extension Winnebago County website, under the Community Development page/tab. Ljung recently facilitated a grant writing workshop for entrepreneurs; she will host another in October. Ljung is collaborating with Future Neenah and Waupaca Extension colleague, Jessica Beckendorf, to provide a Real Colors training for entrepreneurial program participants. The ColorBold Business Association is hosting a Pop-Up Shop on June 26th for regional business owners to bridge resources and provide networking opportunities for business owners of color; discussion of accessibility and communication of resources via virtual and hard copy marketing ensued.
- **4-H Youth & Science** - Thompson distributed a Winnebago County 4-H May 2022 Report. Thompson and Berger presented the 4-H THRIVE Survey results at the Winnebago County Board Meeting. Thompson reviewed her after school programming and Cloverbud workshops. Cloverbud Camp will be July 18th at Menominee Park in Oshkosh; camp counseling training is underway. 4-H Summer Camp registration is open and nearly full; camp counseling training is underway. Thompson reviewed the James W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Award recipient and others who have been forwarded to the state for additional award/scholarship opportunities. The annual Clothing Revue will be June 13th at the Fond du Lac Extension Office.

Extension Administration and Department Reports – Chris Viau: Viau distributed an Extension Winnebago County Overview; he delivered a broad history of Extension lesson for the committee.

- **Facility Updates:** None.
- **Staff and Department Updates:** Viau has submitted the request to post the open Horticulture Educator position. Earliest anticipated start date for a candidate would be September 1st. Viau invited Binder to participate in the hiring process to provide feedback during the interview process.
- **Area/Region/State Updates:** The monthly updates and reporting system is being updated. Viau highlighted a false rumor that 4-H is eliminating its support for livestock programming. 4-H will continue its partnership with livestock programming. Viau encouraged committee members to dispel this rumor if they encounter it.

Comments by Committee Members: Powers inquired about fair judging experiences. Horan reviewed things she's learned by attending various committee meetings. Horan highlighted technical issues encountered regarding the most recent Diversity Affairs Commission meeting. Binder shared there was an error in the virtual meeting link that

caused the issues; this was a one-time error and should not affect future meetings. Committee members discussed the membership makeup of the Diversity Affairs Commission.

Next Meeting: Binder inquired whether 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022 works for the next meeting. Committee members confirmed. Horan will be unable to attend but encouraged the committee to meet in her absence.

Adjourned: Borchartt moved to adjourn at 10:56 a.m.; seconded by Horan. Motion carried 5–0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Hendrickson