

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, July 24th, 2014
James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

Members Present: Nancy Barker, Tom Widener, Koby Schellenger, Ron Hardy

UW-Extension Staff: Sarah Thompson, Annie Lor, Leonard Polzin , Chris Kniep, Catherine Neiswender

Others Present: Tom Egan

Meeting called to order at 9:00a.m. by Chair Tom Widener.

Comments from the Public related to items on the agenda - none

Approval of Minutes: Barker moved to approve the June 19, 2014 minutes. Schellinger seconded. Motion carried.

Program Reports:

Winnebago County Fair Association Tom Egan explained the connection between the Fair Association and the Extension Committee. He extended an invitation to the committee members to attend the fair and participate in the program and activities. Egan shared that he would like the UWEX office to sell fair tickets. He further explained the county support for the Fair in terms of dollars and services. The Fair Association is a separate entity in terms of insurance and funding

4-H/County Fair

Sarah Thompson highlighted the activities of Cloverbuds and asked committee members to consider judging Cloverbuds at the fair. Thompson is providing leadership to the 4-H Fair activities again this year.

Leonard Polzin described the Upham Woods Camp experience this year, with 87 youth attending from the county. Additional programs include specialty camps and support for the fair.

Annie Lor, UW-Oshkosh Human Services Intern shared the focus of her internship with UWEX. Lor is supporting the science and agriculture portion of the program, teaching at schools and special programs.

The committee discussed internship and community service opportunities with UW-Oshkosh. Catherine Neiswender has had conversations with Ed Miller and Steve Dunn regarding service opportunities.

Community Resource Development

Catherine Neiswender shared information about the programs planned for the Plan Commissioner Network and encouraged committee members to attend the October session on Individual Leadership. Neiswender is attending a workshop on Implement of Husbandry with the Highway Commissioner to learn more about addressing this topic in Winnebago County.

Review of 2015 Department Budget Proposal

Chris Kniep reviewed the 2015 budget proposal that has been submitted to the County Executive. Kniep highlighted components of the budget that have significant changes – capital purchases decreased by \$150,000 as the storage building is a 2014 expense, Contracted Services increase reflects salary adjustment by the state, increases in office supplies to start replacing furniture. Committee members were asked to contact Kniep if they had questions.

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Committee Chair Report: Tom Widener explained the Winnefox Library Agreement that had been mailed to committee members. A representative of Winnefox will be asked to attend the August committee meeting. The Committee will consider the agreement and vote at their next meeting. The Emerald Ash Borer tree inventory is being discussed with hope that the inventory will start this year.

UW-Extension – Administration Kniep shared information on:

Staff Up-dates:

- 4-H interviews have occurred
- Agriculture position has been posted with interviews scheduled for August/September
- Nutrition program Coordinator position has been re-posted

UWEX Up-dates – Department Activities:

- **Garage** – Kniep continues to work with Facilities on the garage.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be held August 21st, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Schellenger moved to adjourn; seconded by Barker. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Chris Kniep, Recording Secretary