

**Green County  
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee  
April 6, 2022  
MINUTES**

The April 6, 2022, meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:41 PM by Extension Green County Ag and Extension Chair, Erica Roth.

Members present were: Sue Nelson, Oscar Olson, Dawn Sass, Erica Roth, and Art Carter. Also present—Jayne Butts, Extension Green County Office Manager, Lynn Perkins, Area Extension Director, Jackie McCarville, Regional Dairy Educator, Josh Kamps, Regional Crops & Soils Educator, Amanda Cauffman, Regional Livestock Educator, Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Bridget Mouchon, Health & Well Being Educator, and Lana Heins(z), Extension Activity Assistant. (Note: (z) members/attendees were present via Zoom).

**Green County Educator Reports—  
Written Report for Educators**

Roth asked if there were any comments for written reports and no questions were asked.

**Bridget Mouchon, Health & Well-Being Educator**

Mouchon reported:

- Discussed highlights of overlap between Green/Lafayette County.
- Hoping state reports will help with local reports.
- Establishing relationships with Green County Coalitions.
- Working on Mental Health Matters—bringing together through cafes to bring parenting together. Parent cafes are hoped to widen service areas.
- Has a few trainings setup for SafeTALK at the Monroe High School. Also working on including Latinx training, therefore, taking a Spanish class to brush up on language.
- Youth Mental Health First Aid- now trained in this program and hoping to schedule trainings.
- WeCOPE manual shown as method to be used for *“Emotions—Managing & Understanding Them”*.
- In the future, looking for ways to build community capacity for trained peer support to be provided one -on-one on-site or virtually (e.g. Zoom).
- An extreme process for seeing a therapist and the need to make that process more smooth.

**Minutes Approval** –Olson moved, Sass seconded to approve the March meeting minutes. Motion passed.

**Bill Approval** --The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for March 2022. Nelson moved to approve the March EFT payments totaling \$586.42 and the March check payments totaling \$672.93. Sass second. Motion passed.

**Clean Sweep Program Updates**

The vacant HazMat position has been posted for the Landfill, and applications are still being collected. The position takes a very rare person with certifications or willing to get certifications. Discussion was made regarding an advertisement stating the program is postponed this year, however, we will wait to hear the results of the Landfill Board from tomorrow’s meeting. Butts will follow up with Rich Vogel for details. McCarville will contact DATCP for grant direction. Kamps discussed the day program happening in Grant, Iowa & Lafayette Counties. Butts noted Dane County will accept out of county material for a \$75 fee.

### **Area Extension Director Updates**

**Regional Agriculture Staffing Plan Update-** Perkins introduced the three agriculture educators for our four county region: Jackie McCarville, Regional Dairy Educator, Josh Kamps, Regional Crops and Soils Educator, and Amanda Cauffmann, Regional Livestock Educator. Josh Kamps began the discussion of the Regional Agriculture Educator Staffing Plan noting parts of this are already happening in our four-county region. Josh also discussed supplying information to producers, counties, businesses, and various means of doing this with producer visits, in-person meetings, websites, virtual trainings, email and social media. Amanda explained website traffic and algorithms to improve google searches to finding University of Wisconsin materials first. Jackie discussed working on statewide reports, that others can access for County Reporting as well. She also discussed staying in touch with County Committees. Further discussion noted about 65% of the educators time is used on programs planned out based on the fiscal year, allowing for the remaining time to be used for other focus events/schedules/etc. Discussion was made about relaying information to the General Public via websites, press releases, and other social media options. Roth noted the plan sounds like what is expected for this model.

**Lafayette County 4-H Educator Update-** Perkins noted the position is being reposted and therefore will be vacant for a while.

**Area 17 Educator Training- April 22 --** Perkins noted she is hosting an Area 17 Training for the new Portal Reporting System, that must be completed by educators to comply with our Federal Grant status. The training will be held on April 22, in Green County.

**Newly Elected County Board Member Orientation --** Perkins discussed training being done by the Wisconsin Counties Association in coordination with UW-Extension. A plan is also being made to train local officials by Extension—follow up is continuing with discussions with the County Clerk.

### **Office Manager Updates**

Butts questioned eliminating the ZOOM feature for meetings, as there has been no one on it for the last two meetings. It was determined, unless the need arises again, we will no longer do ZOOM.

Perkins noted she is working on an Extension overview for the May meeting.

The next meeting will be May 4, 2022, at 12:30pm.

Motion by Nelson, second by Olson to adjourn at 1:54 pm. Motion carried.