

**Green County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
April 7, 2021, MINUTES**

The April 7, 2021 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:35 PM by Extension Green County Ag and Extension Chair, Erica Roth.

Members present were: Erica Roth, Sue Nelson, Oscar Olson, and Art Carter. Also present—Jayne Butts, Extension Green County Office Manager; Paul Ohlrogge(z), Extension Area Director, Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator; Jackie McCarville(z), Agriculture Educator; Donna Peterson(z), FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator, and Lana Heins(z) Activity Assistant. (Note: (z) members/attendees were present via Zoom). Dawn Sass, Victoria Solomon, Community Resource Development Educator; Hannah McMunn, Health and Well-Being Educator; and Maria Schmid were not able to attend.

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

Roth asked if anyone had any questions regarding the written reports provided by the educators. Nelson questioned the “Agriculture Rumen Feeding for Calves” listed by McCarville. McCarville gave updates for that seminar. Olson questioned more visibility for educators in the County. He noted at the County Board meeting, questions were raised about what we have for educators. Ohlrogge noted educators are very involved in the County. Carter noted he realizes UW-Madison dictates the level of involvement, however the County does pay 40% of the bill and expects needs to be met. Andrews noted protocol for April/May has been opened some, with the expectations for June to bring more openings. She further stated questions are still being asked about events that are Extension organized vs events Extension partners/works at.

Donna Peterson—FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator

Peterson discussed different teaching events being held by FoodWise. Flyers were presented for review by board members. Donna noted people were not taking some items at the Food Pantry because they didn’t know how to cook it. Recipes have become a strong need for Food Pantries for these type of items. In Green County, most of the food pantry work has been done through Green Cares in Monticello. Communication with the Monroe Food Pantry has been difficult. Sessions are being offered virtually (and people are bonding) and all four counties can participate at once. Some sessions are contingent on financial records, others like Strong Bodies are open to anyone. Strong Bodies is offering both virtual sessions and in person sessions and they will remain separate. Green Cares Food Pantry is distributing monthly fact sheets with the recipes. These flyers are also being share with WIC folks. In July/Aug/Sept, they will feature fresh fruits and vegetables pertinent for that time frame. Another of the flyers offered “garden kits” to folks in Iowa County and Grant County. Peterson discussed there were grants written for those that supported distribution in those areas, with outreach also to Blanchardville and Monticello. Carter questioned more outreach in the Green County Food Pantry in Monroe and suggested additional contact information.

FoodWise Agreement Letter—Fiscal Year Oct 1, 2021 – Sep 30, 2022

The FoodWise Agreement letter for the Fiscal Year Oct 1, 2021 – Sept 30, 2022 was presented for approval by the committee. The agreement is done annually and submitted to the State for continuing FoodWise practices in the county. Nelson moved to accept the agreement, second by Carter. Motion passed. Roth signed the agreement that will be forwarded to Ohlrogge and Peterson.

Minutes Approval—Carter moved to approve the minutes from the March 2021 meeting and Olson seconded. Motion passed.

Bill Approval --The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for March 2021. Carter moved to approve the March EFT payments totaling \$118.73 and the March check payments totaling \$10,579.67. Second by Olson to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried. Discussion was made regarding the Veolia bills, noting the detail shows household collections now exceed agriculture collections for Clean Sweep for the 2020 year.

Paul Ohlrogge, Area Extension Director/Jayne Butts, Office Manager, Extension Green County:

COVID-19 Updates—Ohlrogge noted attendees for gatherings is increasing for events. Strong safety protocol is still in place for April/May with hopes for less restrictions in June/July. Conversations have been made with educators about more of a regular presence in the office.

Ohlrogge discussed being a judge for Cloverbud projects for the 4-H Day of Arts event recently held virtually. In addition, the virtual awards program for this event was attended by 100+ people including participants, parents, and grandparents.

Ohlrogge noted much of his time recently has been focused on replacing support staff for Lafayette County and for Iowa County.

Ohlrogge will be retiring May 31. The position will be filled and may even have some overlap for Paul to help train.

Butts noted McMunn, Health & Well Being educator, had her baby and is on leave. Heins, Extension Activity Assistant, will be having her baby soon and will be on leave as well.

Butts discussed a recent email from Dean Karl Martin advising by July 1, educators will be fulltime back in offices. Ohlrogge noted up to that time more of a regular presence will be happening as well.

Other Business:

Carter noted by the June County Board meeting, he is hopeful full County Board will be able to physically attend the meeting.

Andrews discussed some benefits of virtual meetings vs live attendance.

May 5, at 12:30 pm was set for the next meeting.

Motion by Olson, second by Carter to adjourn at 1:28 pm. Motion carried.