

**Green County  
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee  
May 5, 2021  
MINUTES**

The May 5, 2021 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:37 PM by Extension Green County Ag and Extension Chair, Erica Roth.

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

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

Roth expressed appreciation for the written reports and noted they are well written.

**Jackie McCarville — Agriculture Educator**

McCarville started her presentation by asking the committee a few questions about “succession of farms to the next generation”. Only 30% of farm/business owners have a future plan created for transferring ownership. Jackie presented a handout about the “*10 Things to Consider for Succession Planning.*” She discussed several meetings and farm discussions she has had with farm owners. Sometimes what one family person thinks is totally different than another thinks. Joy Kirpatrick, Outreach State Specialist, has been training new educators to learn the process to guide farmers with this planning. McCarville has been learning this process and also taught a class at UW-Madison Short Course on Succession Planning and was impressed with the questions the participants asked.

McCarville also discussed Beef Quality Assurance Training (BQA) that she taught the last couple years. BQA is a training for farmers for proper procedures to raise animals for harvest. UW-Extension is changing the roles for educators and McCarville will not be able to teach the class any longer, however, may be able to help with administering the tests. Green County could have approximately 200 people to go through this process next year. Continued follow up will be done on this topic.

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

**Bill Approval** --The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for April 2021. Nelson moved to approve the April EFT payments totaling \$155.48 and the April check

payments totaling \$72,416.52. Second by Sass to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried. Discussion was made regarding the UW-Extension educator bill, noting it was in agreement with the previously approved contract and without Professional Development Fees.

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

Ohlrogge thanked the Committee stating he has enjoyed his involvement with the Green County Board Members and staff. Currently the AED position is not posted, but hopes to be in the process soon. Ohlrogge has offered when someone is hired to assist with learning the 4-County process.

**COVID-19 Updates**—Ohlrogge discussed how all 4-Counties have had different protocol during the COVID processes. Iowa County has just reopened their Government Services Building and Lafayette County is in a federal building and therefore remains shut.

Ohlrogge discussed promoting disease protection and vaccines. Where possible, Extension is trying to promote getting vaccinated. Rural areas have been the hardest to convince.

Ohlrogge noted furloughs are expiring and there are no plans for more in the near future.

Ohlrogge noted he received information about webpage hits—From Jan 1-May 5, 2021, Green County's website had over 8,094 hits and 1,566 Downloads. That is more than Grant, Iowa and Lafayette county had combined. Butts noted timely updates are needed and the educators are good about supplying items they want posted. Butts/Heins spend a good share of time updating the website, facebook pages, and other media and it's good to hear it's being accessed.

Ohlrogge discussed the transition for educators being back in the offices. Andrews and McCarville have already started migrating back each week. Flexibility, concerns for other family members including youth, and customer contact are all being considered. Butts noted our office set-up is very helpful—educators and staff can have limited exposure with individual office availability.

**Other Business:**

No other business was discussed.

June 2, at 12:30 pm was set for the next meeting.

Motion by Sass, second by Olson to adjourn at 1:24 pm. Motion carried.