

**Green County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
October 5, 2022
MINUTES**

The October 5, 2022, meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 8:33am by Extension Green County Ag and Extension Chair, Sue Nelson.

Members present were: Sue Nelson, Kathy Pennington, Peg Sheaffer(z), and Jerry Guth. Also present—Jayne Butts, Extension Green County Office Manager, Lynn Perkins, Area Extension Director, Jackie McCarville, Dairy Agriculture Educator; Victoria Solomon, Community Resource Development Educator; Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator; Bridget Mouchon(z), Health & Well-Being Educator; and Kathy Lange, FoodWise Educator. Committee Member Dawn Sass was absent.

Memorandum of Understanding for Community Health Care Worker –Gwaar: Bridget Mouchon presented a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a partner agreement for a Community Health Worker position funded by a grant with Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc (G Waar). The position would be a collaborative effort between G Waar and University of Wisconsin-Division of Extension-Green and Lafayette Counties. The Community Health Care Worker would help people, post COVID with COVID related/chronic diseases by building engagement with public health, community-based organizations, and health systems. The position would be for a bilingual person to aid in Spanish opportunities and would be trained as a Care Transition (CTI) Program Coach. Supervision of this person (about 4-hours per week) would be done by Mouchon. Similar positions in other counties in the state are correlated by their ADRC Departments--Green/Lafayette Counties would be the first Extension driven position. Questions were asked about cooperation from the Green County ADRC and the Green County Health Department. To eliminate duplication of this position in other departments and to increase support of the position, signatures will be obtained from ADRC and the Health Department. Mouchon will follow-up with more details next month.

Green County Educator Reports--Written Report for Educators: Various questions regarding educator reports were asked including acronym clarification on Ag Reports; Heart of the Farm conference dates; and 4-H Record Book Requirements.

Presentation—Victoria Solomon, Extension Green County Community Resource Development Educator: Gave an enthusiastic presentation about Green County Leaders. This is the 20th year for the program and the class is the largest (32) so far. It is one of the best leadership programs in the state and has been intentional about encouraging network relationships, workforce development, and strength of the community. Victoria shared about the Triple Bottom Line including a business's success in three key areas: profit, people and the planet. She also discussed a new partnership with WEKZ after each session to discuss with participants the "big learning" from each session. Part of the Green County Leaders program includes participation in a volunteer project. Seven projects have been identified as the key areas of community impact this year, including: 1) EV Charging Stations; 2) Aspiring Leaders; 3) Beautification; 4) Art in Public; 5) Youth Sports Access; 6) ATV; 7) Homelessness. Victoria also shared throughout the 20-years, over 75 projects have been completed resulting in a value of \$404,000 in volunteer hours donated.

Minutes Approval: Pennington moved, Sheaffer seconded to approve the September meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Bill Approval: The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for September 2022. Guth moved to approve the September EFT payments totaling \$345.63 and the September check payments totaling \$237.42. Nelson second. Motion passed.

Clean Sweep Program Updates: McCarville discussed the two day program now being planned for October 28th, 2022 and October 29, 2022, at the Green County Landfill. Advertising is being released to the local papers, the radio, the Extension website, the County website, and City of Monroe & Brodhead websites. McCarville also noted as long as our expenses exceed our original grant amount, we should be eligible to receive our full grant.

Area Extension Director Updates: Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA)– Extension Seeking County Partner Input—Perkins presented a University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension brochure and discussed counties participating in the recent WCA convention. Our Committee/Board members shared thoughts on the convention. Perkins also requested board members to consider participating in the Extension Strategic Planning Program by giving feedback on the past, present and future of the association.

Office Manager Updates

- **Tractor Safety Thank yous**—Butts presented two thank notes from participants in the 2022 Tractor Safety Training Course for the First Aid Kits funded by Extension Green County.

Discussions of the Progression of 2023 Budgets for Tractor Safety, Clean Sweep, Fair, Pesticide Applicator Training, 4-H Members, and UW-Extension: Butts noted the meeting with Finance had gone well and our budgets were passed as presented. Budgets will be opened to the County Board on October 18, with final approval processes on November 10, 2022.

Other Business:

Perkins discussed a job description for the FoodWise Coordinator position. The position will close for applications on October 19, 2022, with interviews soon after. Best hope is someone will be onboard by mid-November.

The next meeting will be November 2, 2022, at 8:30am.

Motion by Guth, second by Pennington to adjourn at 9:35 am. Motion carried.