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Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Agriculture and Extension Education Committee

Date of Meeting: January 9, 2017

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Members present: Mr. David Danzinger, Mr. Scott Smith, Mr. Don Black and Mr. Dennis Bork

Others present: Ms. Annie Lisowski and Mr. Carl Duley

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 a.m. by chair, Mr. Smith.

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the October 3, 2016 AEEC Minutes: Motion by Mr. Bork, second by Mr. Black to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – WACEC Dues: Motion by Mr. Danzinger, second by Mr. Bork to pay the 2017 WACEC Dues. Motion carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – WACEC Dues Regional Meeting, February 2, 2017: Mr. Black and Mr. Smith are planning on attending the Regional meeting for WACEC in Hudson, WI on February 2, 2017.

Review/Discussion/Action – Identify current and future Buffalo County educational issues/needs: Brief discussion was held on the current budget of Buffalo County and any large budget items foreseen in the next five years for UW-Extension. Buffalo County UW-Extension makes very few if any large (>\$5,000) purchases. There has been only one purchase over that amount in the last 25 years. Therefore, the committee took the approach that they would discuss what their educational needs are and be prepared for the UW-Extension reorganization plans that will be announced in February.

Ms. Lisowski discussed the diversity of the Buffalo County population. She explained the parity of reaching diverse audience's throughout the county.

Changes in Buffalo County Population in next 15 – 20 years: Are we going to be just a retirement community? What opportunities may that bring? How is the center of the County different than the edges? What are the natural amenities (assets) that Buffalo County has to offer and what opportunities does that bring?

Educational needs: Will vary in different parts of the County. Big changes in agriculture that affect most of the County. Where do future job opportunities come from? There is a need for the

entrepreneurial program Kindergarten through adults. How does poverty affect the Buffalo County population – children and adults?

Notes will be prepared regarding the current and future educational issues and needs in Buffalo County and will be discussed again at the February committee meeting.

Review/Discussion/Action –Memorandum of Understanding between Buffalo County Agricultural Fair Association, Inc and University of Wisconsin-Extension, Buffalo County – Scott Smith: Mr. Smith will present the proposed MOU to the Mondovi City Council and the Buffalo County Fair Association before the February committee meeting.

Discussion – nEXT Generation Update: Announcement from Chancellor Sandeen is scheduled for February 7th on her reorganization plan for UW-Extension.

UW-Extension Agent Reports: Ms. Lisowski, reported on the Teen Court Mock Trials held at Mondovi, C-FC and Alma schools during December. No reports were given by Mr. Duley or Ms. Wood.

Review/Discussion /Action - Establish 2017 regular committee meeting dates and time: Regular meetings of the Ag Extension Education Committee will take place on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 a.m. in the 4th floor conference room of the Buffalo County Courthouse.

Public Comments Not Relating to the Agenda: None

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bork and second by Mr. Danzinger. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Duley
Buffalo County Ag Agent