

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Agriculture and Extension Education Committee

Date of Meeting: May 7, 2018

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Members present: Ms. Nettie Rosenow and Mr. Don Black. Jon Seipel was unable to attend.

Others present: Ms. Pat Malone, Ms. Annie Lisowski, Ms. Mary Wood, and Mr. Carl Duley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by AED Malone.

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: No public comments were made.

Introductions: New committee members were introduced.

Election of Committee Officers: Election of committee officers was conducted.

Motion by Rosenow seconded by Black to nominate Don Black for chair. No other nominations were offered. Motion by Rosenow seconded by Black to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Don Black as chair. Motion carried. Don Black is the new chair of the committee.

Motion by Rosenow second by Don Black to nominate Jon Seipel to be vice chair. No other nominations were made. Motion by Rosenow second by Black to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Seipel Vice Chair. Motion carried. Jon Seipel is Vice Chair of the committee.

Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of January 2 and March 6 meetings:

Motion by Black second by Rosenow to accept the minutes of the January 2 and March 6 meetings as printed. Motion carried.

Review/Discuss – Update on 4-H Youth Development Office Operations Associate position:

Lisowski presented information for the committee on the changes in the 4H Youth Development Associate position. We will be using the state refund and the money the county budgeted for a support position to pay for the increased time. This will allow the staff to increase Meg Ruff's time in the office two to three days. We will keep her time under the limits required. Malone will bring the 136 contract to the next meeting to approve the necessary modifications.

Review/Discussion/Action – Fair changes associated with cooperating with Pepin County:

Lisowski led the discussion updating the committee on the changes occurring with Pepin County 4H youth participating in the Buffalo County Fair. Pepin County staff formally requested permission to allow Pepin County youth organizations to participate in the fair. They made the request because Pepin County wants to provide a more rewarding fair experience for their youth, their fair was quite small, and it was increasingly difficult to get adequate numbers of volunteers. The process is moving forward. It has been a learning curve for the educators and fair

participants. Fair entry began May 5. Pepin County bought two I pads to help with entry and other fair processes.

Review/Discussion/Action – Memorandum of Understanding between Buffalo County.

Agricultural Fair Association, Inc. and UW-Extension Buffalo County: Duley updated the committee on progress to date. He has talked with the new fair board president. Formal discussions will be held once the bathroom is completed and the fair is over. The committee was reminded that this is an update between the fair board and UW-Extension. The MOU between the fair board and the county has already been updated. We will keep this item on the agenda to keep the committee informed.

Review/Discussion/Action – Area 9 Meeting Update/Prioritization Process: Malone shared the issue identification process with the committee. The work began last summer at a joint Area 9 meeting where committee members, educators, and stakeholders identified a number of current and emerging issues. At a follow-up meeting this February, the following issues were shared. These are a summary of the variety of issues and concerns that were identified. The group present at the second meeting also discussed current efforts focused on these issues and resources and partnerships that may be available to address them.

- Agriculture –Succession, low prices
- Issues of Aging
- Youth and Families
- Labor Force
- Drug Issues
- Mental Health
- Nutrition
- Water Quality
- Soil Conservation
- Economic Development
- Government Issues
- Access to Health Care
- Criminal Justice Issues
- Immigrant Challenges

All the Area 9 Committees and staff have been given an opportunity to vote on these issues. This information will be incorporated into the statewide issue identification processes that are occurring at the Area level and the state level.

Review/Discussion/Action – Annual Report – Agent program area reports: A draft of the annual report was shared with the committee. The committee wants us to check with the new county board chair to share our report with the full board. Changes to the report are requested by the AED by May 15, 2018.

Review/Discussion/Action – Establish next AEEC meeting date and identify future agenda items: The group talked about a number of issues related to future agenda items. Rosenow

would like a deeper discussion of what the purpose of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee is. The committee would like to see a variety of reporting methods used by educators when they share their work. They would also like to be invited to educational meetings/programs the educators conduct.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the 4th floor meeting room if it is available.

Agenda items to include:

Committee purpose/role – discussion

136 contract modification – action to approve

Educator reports – discussion

Chronic Wasting Disease – Impacts and challenges. Discussion. Invite DeWayne Snobl.

Vouchers? – action to approve

FoodWise agreement – action to approve.

Malone will work with Don Black and educators to identify any additional agenda items.

Public Comments Not Relating to the Agenda: None

Adjournment: Black declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Patricia Malone
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