

## Buffalo County Minutes

**Committee/Board:** Agriculture and Extension Education Committee

**Date of Meeting:** September 10, 2018

**Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date** September 11, 2018

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Chair Don Black.

**Members present:** Ms. Nettie Rosenow, Mr. Don Black and Mr. Jon Seipel (6:07pm).

**Others present:** Ms. Pat Malone, Ms. Mary Wood, Ms. Annie Lisowski (5:45pm), Mr. Carl Duley (5:52pm), Mr. Alec Sundelius and DeWayne Snobl.

**Public Comments regarding Agenda Items:** None

**Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of July 2, 2018, meeting:**

Motion by Black/Rosenow to accept minutes of the July 2, 2018 meeting as printed. Carried

**Review/Discussion/Action – Introduce New Buffalo County Wildlife Specialist (Alec Sundelius)**

– **DeWayne Snobl:** DeWayne Snobl introduced New Buffalo County Wildlife Specialist, Alec Sundelius. He is stationed out of the Rhinelander office. The committee and educators introduced themselves. He will be covering Buffalo County for wildlife damage. Sundelius will contact Roxane if he needs to ask questions or schedule a meeting. The change is a result of workload changes. Sundelius will need to meet with committee to review cooperative service agreement. He will set prices for crop damage and bring them to the committee. Snobl provided a handout on the wildlife compensation program. Report is on file.

**Review/Discussion/Action – 2017 USDA – Wildlife Services WDASP Summary Report-handout – DeWayne Snobl:** Report is on file.

**Review/Discussion/Action – 2017 Deer Donation Program – Final Totals – DeWayne Snobl:**

Final totals for the deer donation program were shared in a report. The report is on file.

**Review/Discussion – Other Wildlife Activity/Questions – DeWayne Snobl:**

The wildlife specialist will bring in crop prices for the county to review, but the county will decide what prices will be used for the crop damage compensation program. What changes will occur in the deer donation program because of CWD? If you do not have to hold the deer, the processing price will be lower. One of the local processors will not accept any deer that have been tested for CWD. Currently, Buffalo County is still free of CWD. There are still many questions about how deer will be handled, processed, transported, and wastes disposed of.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Cochrane Drainage Ditch Recommendations** Motion Rosenow/Black to recommend that Carson Lentz and Thomas Bollinger serve on the Cochrane drainage board district. CARRIED.

**Review/Discussion/Action – 2019 136 Contract with UW-Extension:** Malone reviewed the draft 2019 136 Contract with UW-Extension with the committee. She highlighted the changes with the contract. She will bring it to the next meeting for approval. The committee and the administrative coordinator will need to sign.

**Review/Discussion/Action – FoodWise Letter of Agreement:** Black/Rosenow moved to accept the FoodWise Letter of Agreement. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action – 2019 Budget, UW-Extension Buffalo County:** Malone shared the draft 2019 budget with the oversight committee. There will be a special meeting of the department heads tomorrow to discuss budget challenges. Emphasize the money we bring in and the programs we provide for other county departments. We have brought up the minimum of the \$10,000 increase in 2020 with the Finance Committee. It is going to be critically important to share with the board the impact, benefits, and leverage of having Extension educators. What are the connections and services provided to other departments? Motion Black/Seipel to approve the budget as presented. CARRIED.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Situational Analysis:** Malone reviewed the results of the situational analysis with the committee. The top five issues identified are as follows.

1. Counties are looking to find ways to build a sustainable economy that balances living wages and protects natural resources.
2. Protecting and preserving our soil and water resources is essential.
3. AODA issues and physical and mental health concerns are closely linked. Changes in one area can affect the others. UW-Extension can work with communities, organizations, families, and individuals to address these issues in a way that builds resiliency.
4. Agriculture is facing multiple pressures that impact income, viability, and succession.
5. Building skills that focus on healthy relationships is critical to ensuring family stability, child and family well-being and resilience. Stronger families mean stronger communities.

Malone noted that Buffalo County UW-Educators are currently addressing many of these issues. Summary report is on file.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Memorandum of Understanding between Buffalo County Agricultural Fair Association, Inc. and UW-Extension Buffalo County – Carl Duley:** Memorandum of Understanding between Buffalo County Agricultural Fair Association, Inc. and UW-Extension Buffalo County. No action has been taken to date. Annie shared the history of the number of exhibits and exhibitors since 2000. The swell of exhibits was largely due to Buffalo County.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Training Tables Purchase for Conference Room – Annie Lisowski:** Lisowski shared a purchase of training tables for the conference room. The staff discussed this as a priority issue for our office and other departments. There is money available in the non-lapsing Teen Court account to purchase new, more usable tables. Proposing to purchase 4 rectangle tables and 4 half round tables to maximize layout options. This option allows for nesting the table. Mary shared the information from the tables in Pepin County. These are not as desirable. Motion: Seipel/Rosenow to authorize the UW-Extension office to purchase the tables Lisowski presented. Carried.

**UW-Extension Reports:** Lisowski shared information from an evaluation of the 2018 Progressive Ag Safety Day. Report is on file. She also shared the report written about the 2018 STEAM

Discovery Days summary and evaluation. Report is on file. She also shared upcoming programs. The committee expressed an interest in having educator reports e-mailed ahead of time.

Mary shared a general report of her programming. The report is on file. She also shared information on the Literacy Link program. This is a grant-funded effort that supports development of literacy in children who have a caregiver in the criminal justice system. She has 17 families signed up. The committee encouraged Mary to share her work with the Law Enforcement Committee, although the politics are challenging.

Carl shared his current efforts. September 9, 2018 was historic. It was the first time that industrial hemp has been legally harvested in Buffalo County since WWII. The group involved believes it is essential to do this as a value-added effort by processing in county. By January, he should have a detailed report about the malting barley work since he will be presenting at a national malting barley conference. He is working on a new grant in partnership with land conservation.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Establish next AEEC meeting date and identify future agenda items:** Next meeting is set for November 5, 2018, at 6 p.m.

**Public Comments Not Relating to the Agenda:** None

**Adjournment:** Black declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by:

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