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**Buffalo County Minutes**

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

**Date of Meeting:** November 7, 2018

**Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date** November 14, 2018

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Don Black.

**Members present:** Don Black, Nettie Rosenow   **Excused:** Jon Seipel

**Others present:** Alec Sundelius, Annie Lisowski, Roxane Weisenbeck, Carl Duley, Mary Wood, Marie Ritscher, and Pat Malone

**Public Comments regarding Agenda Items:** None

**Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of September 9, 2018, meeting:**

Motion by Black/Rosenow to accept minutes of the September 9, 2018 meeting as printed. Carried

**Review/Discussion/Action – WDACP 2018 Enrollee Update – Alec Sundelius:**

Alec Sundelius was present to share a number of reports and other actionable items in support of the Wildlife Damage program. He shared the current enrollees with committee. There are currently five enrollees. This is down slightly from previous years. No action needed.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Set 2018 WDACP Crop Prices- Alec Sundelius:**

Sundelius shared that the committee needs to set the 2018 Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program (WDACP) crop prices. Motion by Rosenow/Black to approve the prices for the crops as presented by Sundelius. Carried. Report on File.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Approve 2018 WDACP Damage Claims- Alec Sundelius:**

Motion by Black/Rosenow to approve the claim for bear damage to beekeeper John Smith. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Approve 5 year Cooperative Service Agreement with USDA-**

**Wildlife Services for WDACP Administration- Alec Sundelius:** Every five years the county can sign a cooperative service agreement to participate in the WDACP. There has been no change in the agreement. Motion by Rosenow/Black to approve contract between Buffalo County and USDA. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Approve 2019 WDACP Buffalo County Budget- Alec**

**Sundelius:** Sundelius presented the annual damage program budget. This is a pass through budget where the DNR provides money to the USDA to run the program. There is no cost to the county. Motion by Black/Rosenow to approve budget as presented.

**Review/Discussion/Action – 2<sup>nd</sup> Invoice from UW-Extension and discussion of issues surrounding the discrepancies between Buffalo County and UW-Extension:** Malone shared the second invoice from UW-Extension with the committee. Although this is not the typical practice, a number of concerns arose when the staff reviewed the invoice. A number of questions were raised about the change in how the Civil Rights backfill position is handled, FICA costs for the student interns, and 4-H program support. Malone shared the following talking points:

- A buyout still exists for the 4-H/Youth Educator. It is for eight hours per week.
- The buyout will continue until the end of the fiscal year (6/30/19). There is potential to continue it through the end of 2019.
- The buyout is under the new contract (136) system. We are working through the impacts. It went from a dollar amount buyout in the previous 133 contract, to a percentage time buyout with the new 136 contract.
- Our sincere apologies for any confusion this change may have caused. It was not intended.
- The county is receiving less buyout hours than when under the 133 contract but are receiving an advantage of more services for their investment under the 136 contract, 8hrs. rather than 6hrs.
- The county's additional investment in 4-H program support still exists to support 4-H programming.
- There continue to be workload concerns. However, that is not managed through the 136 contract and invoicing process.

The committee discussed these issues in depth. They want the staff and themselves to have more time to consider alternatives. We will set a December meeting where the committee will finalize its decision in relation to the Civil Rights buyout, the student interns being on the 136 contract, and the additional 4-H program support. They directed the AED to prepare a report that includes the financial impacts of the different alternatives.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Most desirable way to continue 4-H Program Support position in Buffalo County:** The 4-H program support discussion was included in the previous agenda item.

**Review/Discussion/Action – 2019 136 Contract with UW-Extension:** Action on the 136 contract will be pushed back to the December meeting.

**Review/Discussion/Action – 2019 Budget, UW-Extension Buffalo County - Discuss changes made to meet Executive Committee directives:** Malone provided a brief update on the 2019 budget changes made as a result of the county's request to cut budgets.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Memorandum of Understanding between Buffalo County Agricultural Fair Association, Inc. and UW-Extension Buffalo County – Carl Duley:** No action taken on the MOU with the Fair Board until a secretary is elected.

**UW-Extension Reports:**

- a. FoodWise. Ritscher shared her 2017/2018 outreach results for her nutrition education program. She presents her programs at two schools, WIC, and food pantries.
- b. Lisowski shared information from her professorial presentation. It focused on Teen Court and Youth Restorative Justice. She has conducted a long-term program evaluation of offenders and parents. She will share more complete results when her report is complete. She shared a preliminary infographic on vaping and juuling that is being prepared to support new educational program for the schools on this issue.
- c. Wood shared her family living report. She has been leading a re-entry study group. They will present their results to the CJCC in December. She also wrote a \$7900 grant to support re-entry programming. She has begun planning for the 2019 Reality Check program. They are exploring the possibility of adding some entrepreneurship training as part of the program.
- d. Duley shared his recent efforts. He will be the PI for a state-wide Hops Soil Fertility Study that received \$63,000 for three years. The hemp plot had an average yield. He is also working on a couple of other grants looking at a variety of agronomy topics in the county. One of the long-term results of his study with Dairyland Power is that Dairyland is now giving away the scrubber material to farmers as a liming aid/source of Sulphur for local crops.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Establish next AEEC meeting date and identify future agenda items:** Next meeting is set for December 12, 2018, at 6 p.m. We will discuss the contract and future options for support including support for the backfill position.

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

**Adjournment:** Black declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by:  
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