

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Agriculture and Extension Education Committee

Date of Meeting: February 6, 2020

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Call to order: Meeting called to order by Chair Black at 6:03pm.

Members present: A roll call of members was conducted. Don Black, Nettie Rosenow and Lou Anne Roby were present.

Others present: Alec Sundelius, Annie Lisowski, Mary Wood, Pat Malone and Carl Duley

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None

Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of November 14, 2020 meeting: Motion by Rosenow, second by Black to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2019 meeting as presented. Carried.

Review/Discuss/Action – Update from Alec Sundelius – Deer Donation Program and Wildlife Abatement – Alec Sundelius provided a quick update to the committee. He shared a list of the enrollees in the abatement and claims program. There are only seven enrollees in the programs with a couple of claims. Please see the attached reports. He shared the amount of venison donated in the area. Over 4000 pounds of venison were donated in 2018 (the data lags). He also shared the damage claims and estimated losses. Motion by Rosenow/Black to approve the prices presented by Sundelius for the claims. Carried. The next item he shared was the claims for the year. Motion by Black/Roby to approve the two claims for a total of \$1,842.80. Carried. Shared the pending legislation that will result in changes to the abatement and claims program. The one that most impacts the county is that the committee would no longer be responsible for setting prices, approving budgets, etc. The responsibility would go to the DNR. If this change occurs, Black recommends that Sundelius come before the committee or board every year or two to update us on the programs offered.

Review/Discuss/Action – 4-H Program Extension Associate position update: Malone and Lisowski updated the committee on the Extension Associate position. The position was posted before Christmas and applications were due by January 7th. The pool was deep and of excellent quality. There were 11 applicants, and they all had bachelors or masters degrees. The search and screen will be interviewing seven candidates on 2/7/2020. How many do you want to interview? They would prefer to interview two to four finalists. We will conduct the interviews on February 28 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Review/Discuss/Action – MOU with the Buffalo County Fair Association: Malone shared the progress on the MOU with the committee. There has been significant re-writing to address concerns of UW-Madison. The re-writes were shared with the Fair Board officers. It has gone

through the Extension portion of the general signatory authority process. It is now in front of UW-Madison for approval.

Review/Discuss/Action – Proposed Committee Structural Changes and Processes - The original changes have been put on hold and will be discussed at the next committee of the board meeting. That meeting is February 17 at 9:00 a.m. We are encouraged to attend. The original proposal would make it difficult, if not impossible, to share the Extension story with our policymakers. The staff thanked Nettie for her support of just putting Land Conservation and Extension together. [policymaking is a deliberative process]

Extension Educator Reports:

- Mary Wood – Mary shared information with the committee on her outreach and educational efforts. She leads the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Moving Forward Jail Reentry Program, which was piloted first in Pepin County. Educational pieces in the jail include classes for parenting, life skills and workforce readiness (in cooperation with the Department of Workforce Development), which are offered via face-to-face and teleconference. The Moving Forward program is expanding to Buffalo County, in the jail and DHHS, with parenting classes and The Literacy Link program. There is an important need for a Certified Reentry/Recovery Peer Specialist to support participants because the majority struggle with addiction, substance abuse and mental health challenges. She was invited to develop a final proposal for a Baldwin Award to expand the re-entry program and will be having a UW-Stout intern start shortly to assist. He will focus on Veterans and their families involved in the justice system. She will finish piloting a literacy-adapted version of Parenting Inside Out this week in Dunn County and begin teaching it Buffalo County this week. Planning for Reality Check is going strong. It is scheduled for April 2. Nettie discussed the conversations she had with Health and Human Services regarding dementia. What role could/should Extension play in education around dementia?
- Carl Duley shared his reports on the Buffalo County Hemp Strip trials. They were not able to harvest grain because of the wet weather. They were able to harvest it for fiber. They will do another trial this summer. He also shared the preliminary results from the survey he is conducting on the farms experiencing structure failures. He is looking for more responses. He is also planning on 1 to 1 interviews. He is putting together a publication on building maintenance. He presented this information to a Builders Association. Dairyland Power is making some acres of land for research. He will continue working on some dry scrubber trials. He is also using the land to put together replicated trials with students.
- Annie Lisowski shared the annual report for the Buffalo/Pepin County Teen Court with the committee. There were 19 referrals in 2019. Nine of the 19 were for vaping. Most successfully completed their sanctions. There are 75 panelists in the two counties. Coming up is the 10th Grade Day prevention program on 2/18/2020. This is a first-time event for focusing on 10th graders. These programs grow out of our Buffalo County

Partnership Council. Summer programs were opened for registration in January. The programs have already filled. She is working on filling her summer positions. The last item she shared was her membership on Badger Talks, which is a speakers' bureau. This program is part of the University's efforts at outreach through the Wisconsin Idea. Her topic is "Parenting a Social Media Teen". She did her first presentation to Monona Grove via Zoom on 2/5/2020.

Review/Discussion/Action – Establish next AEEC meeting date and identify future agenda items: The next AEEC meeting date will be set after elections. Staff extend their thanks to Nettie Rosenow and Don Black for the advocacy for Extension and their strong support. We also welcomed Luanne Roby. Welcome aboard.

Public comments not regarding Agenda items – There were no public comments.

Adjournment: Chair Black adjourned the meeting at 8:01p.m.

Submitted by:
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