

Green County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
May 4, 2022
MINUTES

The May 4, 2022, meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:32 PM by Extension Office Manager, Jayne Butts. Since there were so many new faces, Butts asked each person to identify themselves by name.

Nominations were then taken for Chair of the Ag & Extension Committee. Jerry Guth nominated Sue Nelson, 2nd by Dawn Sass. Dawn Sass also moved to close nominations, therefore making Sue Nelson chair. Ayes = 5; Opposed = 0. Butts turned the meeting over to Chair Nelson.

Chair Nelson asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Nelson nominated Dawn Sass for Vice-Chair, second by Jerry Guth. Guth also moved to close nominations, making Dawn Sass Vice-Chair. Ayes = 5; Opposed = 0.

Chair Nelson asked for nominations for Secretary. Nelson nominated Kathy Pennington, second by Jerry Guth. Guth also moved to close nominations making Kathy Pennington, secretary. Ayes = 5; Opposed = 0.

Members present were: Sue Nelson, Dawn Sass, Kathy Pennington, and Jerry Guth. Peg Sheaffer was not able to attend. Also present—Jayne Butts, Extension Green County Office Manager, Lynn Perkins(z), Area Extension Director, Jackie McCarville, Regional Dairy Educator, Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Bridget Mouchon, Health & Well Being Educator, Victoria Solomon, Community Resource Development Educator, Brian Bucholtz, Corporation Counsel, and Lana Heins(z), Extension Activity Assistant. (Note: (z) members/attendees were present via Zoom).

Green County Educator Reports—

Written Report for Educators

Nelson asked if there were any comments/questions for the written reports. Nelson questioned about tiling being installed in a field near water and wondered about restrictions. Jackie will pass on to Josh Kamps. It was also noted Green County Land & Water Conservation may have information regarding this.

Jackie McCarville presented a flyer regarding *Planning Emergency Livestock Transport Response* (PELTR) training being done on 6/11/22 and gave a brief summary of the class content.

Bridget Mouchon presented a flyer regarding a safeTALK Workshop and gave a brief update regarding the suicide prevention information. Mouchon also discussed presenting to Finance regarding ARPA funding and are hopeful to receive.

Minutes Approval –Sass moved, Nelson seconded to approve the April meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Bill Approval --The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for April 2022. Guth moved to approve the April EFT payments totaling \$324.06 and the April check payments totaling \$14,885.33. Sass second. Motion passed.

Clean Sweep Program Updates

Discussion was made regarding the Landfill Manager position and at this time, the position is being reposted for possible applicants. UW-Extension needs to file the CLEAN SWEEP grant for 2023 by May 31, 2022. The committee suggested the grant be filed for 2023 with the intent to do the “permanent site”, as has been done in the past. For this year, Butts (with assistance from Byran Bucholtz if needed) will contact Richard Vogel of the Landfill Committee regarding possible 2022 information. We have not received the grant money for 2022 as of yet, and are working with DATCP

to determine our options. McCarville noted she has received two conflicting emails from DATCP about breach of contract if we don't have a permanent site. In the meantime, advertisements have been ran noting the Clean Sweep is not open this year. Extension and the Landfill personnel have been routing people to Dane County, noting a \$75 fee to go there. Follow up will continue.

Area Extension Director Updates

Perkins gave an overview presentation about Extension Green County and had each educator introduce themselves and give a brief summary of their duties.

Office Manager Updates

Butts questioned using some of the Non-Lapsing Tractor Safety funds to support the program now offered by Blackhawk Technical College (BTC). In the past, Extension was the lead role for conducting this program, however, now our 4-H Educator and Ag Educators assist BTC when possible. Since we still have funds designated for this, either a scholarship or safety kit was thought to be a good way to award participants who complete the program. In discussions with Dustin Williams, Farm Management & Business Instructor at BTC, it was determined the First Aid Safety Kits would be the best offer. Kits are expected to cost between \$25-\$35 each. Pennington moved to use the designated funds and Sass seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business

Guth questioned the County Officials Workshops (COWS) Training offered by UW-Extension and the Wisconsin Counties Association, which can be either in-person or virtual. Solomon responded with more details and noted it is posted on our website. She further offered if we need something more personalized to our County, she could research that. Perkins commented she is working with the State to provide training in Lafayette County prior to their Ag & Extension Committee meetings.

The next meeting will be June 1, 2022, at 8:30am.

Motion by Sass, second by Pennington to adjourn at 1:40 pm. Motion carried.