

**University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee**  
**Thursday, July 19, 2012**  
**James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room**

**Members Present:** Nancy Barker, Guy Hegg, Susan Locke, and Tom Widener.

**UW-Extension Staff:** Chris Kniep, Katie Roen, Kristi Cutts, Rene Mehlberg, Kayla Oberstadt, and Kelsie Smith.

**Others Present:** Tom Egan- Fair Association

**Meeting called to order** at 9:04 a.m. by Chair Nancy Barker.

**Comments from the Public related to items on the Agenda** None

**Motion to approve June 21, 2012 meeting minutes** by Hegg/Widener. Motion carried.

**Program Reports**

**4-H Youth Development Program:**

VISTA interns Kayla Oberstadt and Kelsie Smith were introduced to the committee. Rene Mehlberg, Oberstadt and Smith shared highlights of Lego camp, Summer Camp, Science Camp, and Cloverbud Camp, including evaluation results from parents and youth. One-third of the Summer Camp participants were non-4-H members. Coming up next on the schedule is County Fair, program re-enrollment and afterschool programs. Nancy Barker and Susan Locke both volunteered to judge Cloverbuds at the fair. Questions regarding future involvement by the non 4-H youth attending camp were raised. Mehlberg indicated that she will encourage these youth through follow-up contacts.

**Winnebago County Fair Association**

Tom Egan provided an update on fair plans. Question regarding judging barns was asked. Egan stated that notices will be coming out shortly. Widener discouraged the distribution of fair passes to county board members and the “bring a guest” pass for future fairs, noting it violates county board policy

**Committee Chair Report – Nancy Barker**

**Parks/Storage Building:**

Discussion continues on this topic, with the resolution presented to the County Board 7/17 being withdrawn. Kniep and Egan shared plans discussed with Mike Elders regarding an assessment of the existing garage during fair week and progress made on the gray storage building on Butler. Hegg asked about the joint committee meeting minutes and the need for an approval and revision. Nancy stated she would contact Corporation Counsel regarding the appropriateness of the minutes.

**UW-Fox Up-date:**

Barker reminded the committee that the housing being built near the UW-Fox campus is a private building not affiliated with UW-Fox. The Engineering building is complete and an open house is scheduled for this fall. Concerns regarding the campus Food Service have been raised.

**UW-Extension – Administration**

**2013 Department Budget Proposal- discussion:**

Kniep provided an overview of the 2013 budget proposal noting a change will be made to the fringe benefit estimate. Kniep asked for feedback on a request she has received to add a half time position for a Horticulturist. The committee is not supportive of adding a position at this time and asked that further request be documented and shared with the committee.

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Motion to endorse the 2013 Department Budget by Widener, second by Locke.  
Hegg questioned the motion given the manner it was listed on the agenda as a “discussion” item vs. an action item. Widener and Locke withdrew the motion.

Hegg requested clarification on fringe benefits and a more accurate figure.

**WACEC Meeting-**

Celebration of Centennial held at the June State WACEC meeting was discussed. Barker was recognized at the meeting for 20 years of service. Announcement for WACEC East-Metro Region Annual Meeting was distributed.

**UWEX Up-Dates & Department Activities/Staff Up-dates combined:**

Kniep noted that Interviews for the 4-H Youth Educator position were held. Verbal acceptance on of an offer was received on Tuesday of this week. Should start in next couple of weeks.

Kim Biederman is working here part time for Catherine Neiswender while she participates in the internship program.

Mary O'Bara is currently an intern with Family Living from the UW-Oshkosh Human Services Program. Nutrition Educator interviews are being held.

Kniep and Neiswender Catherine are working on a Strategic Planning process with the Health Department through September.

Agriculture has workshops coming up on tree pruning and will have the basic Master Gardener training this fall. Schneider is at Farm Technology Days this week.

Chuck Orenstien has requested photo's by 4-H members for the 2013 Budget book.

**Comments by Committee Members:**

Hegg commented that he would like information on the Economic Impact of the Tri-County Ice Arena and asked if our staff can do that. Kniep will connect Hegg with Neiswender.

Committee members discussed the scholarship program and measures to take regarding participation.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 am.** by Widener/Hegg. Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Katie Roen, Support Staff