

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, March 16, 2023
James P. Coughlin Center - Volunteer Room
& Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Steve Binder, Doug Zellmer, Karen D. Powers, Tom Borchart, and Kay Horan.

Members Absent: None.

Extension Winnebago County Staff: Chris Viau, Sarah Thompson, Dana Berger, and Amy Hendrickson.

Others Present: Unnamed Winnebago Citizen via Zoom.

Meeting Called to Order at 9:02 a.m. by Steve Binder.

Comments from the Public Related to Items on the Agenda/Requests to Add Items to the Next Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Horan moved to approve the 2/16/2023 minutes, second by Borchart. Motion carried 5-0.

Safety Share – Tom Borchart: Borchart reminded everyone to make sure their windshield washer fluid is filled to maintain unobstructed views when driving. Horan reminded everyone of Powers' previous safety share to be cautious when walking over road paint due to those spots being slippery.

Committee Chair Report: Binder shared his concerns with the Winnebago County Compensation Study proposal. Discussion ensued.

UW Division of Extension Program or Educator Reports and Updates:

- **Human Development & Relationships** – Wenzel was unable to attend due to illness. Viau distributed and briefly reviewed program updates prepared by Wenzel. Reentry Ready has been created for justice-involved participants. Rent Smart, Financial Coaching, Planning Ahead, and other programs were reviewed.

Extension Administration and Department Reports – Chris Viau:

- **Facility Updates:** Viau is meeting with other J.P. Coughlin Center (JPCC) department heads and Ethan Hollenberger to discuss JPCC meeting room availability and management. Jody Bezio has been leading an effort to organize and cull equipment/furniture no longer needed in the office in order to create more space.
- **Staff and Department Updates:** Bezio has accepted a new position with the Land & Water Conservation department beginning at the end of the month. The Administrative Assistant position with Winnebago County Extension was posted last week Friday and will remain open until next week Thursday. The Health & Well-Being Educator position with UW-Madison Division of Extension has closed and the screening process has begun. Viau will coordinate a time with Binder to be involved in the final interviews. The Regional Dairy Educator position with UW-Madison Division of Extension has been posted and will close April 2nd. Viau is moving forward with posting for a summer 4-H Youth Development Intern.
- **Area/Region/State Updates:** None.

Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion: Committee members will announce there are still openings for 4-H Summer Camp for youth grades 3-8. A reminder will also be shared for the Winnebago County Scholarship regarding the March 31st deadline.

Comments by Committee Members: Borchart shared that it is now legal for Menasha residents to own chickens. Horan recapped findings from Land & Water Conservation meetings/resources regarding brine for salting roads and biodegradability of cotton clothing. Damascus Road has been experiencing difficulty finding housing for trafficking survivors. The Joseph Project provides transportation to work for incarcerated individuals. Horan also reviewed a story to remind everyone that Wisconsin was an abolitionist state and part of the underground railroad.

Next Meeting: Next regular committee meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

Adjourned: Borchart moved to adjourn at 10:09 a.m.; seconded by Horan. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Hendrickson