

**University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee**  
**Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room**

**Members Present:** Tom Snider, Julie Gordon, Alvin Long, and George Scherck.

**UW-Extension Staff:** Chris Kniep, Kim Miller, Kayla Oberstadt, and Amy Timm.

**Others Present:** None.

**Meeting called to order** at 8:30 a.m. by Tom Snider.

**Comments from the Public related to items on the agenda:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Scherck moved to approve the 7/21/2016 minutes; seconded by Long. Motion carried **4-0**.

**Program Reports:**

**4-H Youth Development Programs:** Oberstadt delivered a brief introduction of herself and her background for the new committee members. Oberstadt provided a "4-H Resource Guide" and a handout providing highlights from the year so far. 4-H has grown by about 30 members with retention of the same number of clubs and leaders from last year. September will bring enrollment for the 2017 4-H year. Oberstadt gave an overview of 2016 4-H camps attendance, activities, and experiences. Oberstadt reviewed highlights from the *2016 Winnebago County Fair*. Youth were given the opportunity to demonstrate their projects throughout the week of the fair at the new Spotlight Stage. Attendance for the 4-H awards increased this year due. Oberstadt expressed appreciation for the individuals who participated in judging and volunteering at the fair. The *4-H Banquet and Alumni Reunion* will be held on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and will include both awards and leader nominations. A new event this upcoming year is a 4-day trip to the 4-H National Youth Conference Center in the Washington D.C. area for the *Presidential Inauguration*. Stephany Beck will be representing Winnebago County 4-H at the Inauguration, and Oberstadt will be a chaperone. Oberstadt is serving on the *nEXT Generation 4-H Youth Development Work Team*, which is tasked with assessing the current delivery of 4-H programming in each county across Wisconsin.

**Horticulture Programs:** Miller delivered a brief introduction of herself and her background for the new committee members. Miller is the advisor to the *Winnebago County Master Gardener Association*. There are 121 members, 110 of which are certified. Miller is also responsible for consumer education, which involves answering questions and providing education for individuals from the community. Additionally, Miller provides partnership to other county agencies regarding Emerald Ash Borer and treatment management. Miller facilitated a *Container Gardening Workshop* that provided hands-on education and take-home projects for participants new to gardening. The *Rain Gardens* were a combined effort between Land & Water, City of Oshkosh, Winnebago County Facilities, Winnebago County UW-Extension, and Master Gardeners. Over 30 volunteers and staff participated in the planting event. The goal of the *Rain Gardens* is to provide education and examples of how gardeners can incorporate design with rain gardens to complement their landscaping. Miller showed some examples of the plant and insect samples that come in to the UWEX office and distributed some examples of the fact sheets provided to customers. Miller also explained the partnerships between UW-Extension, Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Health Advisors, and the UW-Madison pathology lab to answer plant and insect-related questions. Kniep recognized the heavy involvement Miller has in working with and training Master Gardeners in the East-Metro region.

**Family Living Programs:** Kniep briefly reviewed the programs she has been involved in recently. A *Preserving Tomatoes* workshop was conducted earlier this week. *Rent Smart* workshops are also happening this week. UWEX has partnered with the Wisconsin Apartment Association and the Winnebago Apartment Association to promote a *Landlord and Tenant Rights (& Wrongs) Seminar* in September. *Landlord Education* training is expected to be conducted in February 2017. *Stitches of Love* is meeting this week to cut out patterns for creating headwear for cancer patients. *WI Bookworms™* will resume in September to provide books, reading experience, and learning activities for children at three community sites. *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren* will also resume in September to provide support and education to grandparents and other relatives raising grandchildren.

**Action Items:**

**Authorizing Resolution – Wisconsin RPC and DNR Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation Grant:** Miller reviewed the authorizing resolution for the *Great Lakes Restoration Initiative* (GLRI) to purchase and plant trees replacing those affected by EAB. Funds would be available October 1<sup>st</sup> and would allow the reservation of trees for spring planting. Labor would be provided by Miller, Isaiah Tate, and Facilities staff. If the grant is awarded, documentation would go to Personnel & Finance for approval. Snider moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Scherck; motion carried

**4-0.**

**nEXT Generation Resolution:** Kniep reviewed the *nEXT Generation Resolution* previously emailed to the Extension Committee. A formatted version was distributed to the committee for review. Kniep invited discussion and suggestions for edits. Snider authorized a motion to approve the resolution as is; Scherck moved to approve; seconded by Long; motion carried **4-0**.

**Committee Chair Report:** Snider attended the *Soil Health Field Day* and appreciated the educational demonstration provided. Snider also reviewed his participation with Cloverbud judging at the fair.

**UW-Extension – Administration:**

**2017 Budget Proposal:** Kniep expressed that there have been no changes to the 2017 Budget Proposal. It will be reviewed by the County Executive later that morning.

**Staff Updates:** Kniep shared that the WNEP Coordinator from Waupaca County will be providing temporary support while the WNEP Coordinator position in Winnebago/Outagamie/Calumet Counties remains open.

**Department Activities:** Kniep shared that Tom Widener will be receiving the *Chancellor's Award* on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kniep distributed hard copies of the *UW Cooperative Extension Issue Assessment Survey*. The deadline for survey completion is 12:00pm on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. The *Civil Rights Review* for Winnebago County will be November 15<sup>th</sup>. Mandi Dornfeld will need additional time at the next Extension Committee Meeting to deliver an extended presentation on Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma-Informed Care.

**Comments by Committee Members:** None.

**Next Meeting:** Next regular committee meeting will be held Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Adjourned:** Snider moved to adjourn; seconded by Gordon. Motion carried **4-0**, 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Timm