

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, November 18, 2021
James P. Coughlin Center - Room A/B

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

Members Absent: None.

Extension Winnebago County Staff: Chris Viau, Todd Wenzel, and Amy Hendrickson

Others Present: None.

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by Tom Snider.

Comments from the Public Related to Items on the Agenda/Requests to Add Items to the Next Agenda:

- Snider requested to add Sarah Thompson to report on how the Winnebago County Scholarship used to be run.
- Binder requested to add discussion for Dornfeld and Bezio to extend their terms on the Diversity Affairs Commission through August to assist the group through the April County Board election and transition period.

Approval of Minutes: The October meeting was called to order by Snider, not Binder. Hendrickson will edit. Zellmer moved to approve the 10/21/2021 minutes as amended; seconded by Powers. Motion carried 5–0.

Safety Share – Tom Borchart: Borchart reminded everyone that snow and ice are on their way and to use caution when navigating winter weather. Snider advised everyone to share the recommendation for hunters to wear masks and gloves when processing deer. Studies have shown large numbers of deer have tested positive for COVID-19.

Committee Chair Report: Already shared above.

UW Division of Extension Program or Educator Reports and Updates:

- Mandi Dornfeld has been recruited by the County Executive's office to conduct Real Colors training throughout Winnebago County departments. Discussion is underway regarding coordinating these training sessions with other Extension professionals within Area 10 who are certified facilitators due to workload.
- Dana Berger and Sarah Thompson are attending the NAE4-HYDP conference in Memphis, TN.

Extension Administration and Department Reports – Chris Viau:

- **Facility Updates** – None.
- **Staff and Department Updates**
 - Contracted Services Agreement – Viau distributed and reviewed the agreement for the committee; this agreement has already been approved during the 2022 Budget process.
 - Viau is exploring options for filling the Horticulture Educator and Agriculture Educator roles. There may be an internal candidate interested in a Regional Crops Educator role split between Winnebago, Outagamie, and Waupaca counties. A shared Regional Dairy Educator may also be sustainable with this model. If the three-county region model does not find a candidate, a two-county role would be pursued.
 - Wenzel and Viau are pursuing grant funding from other sources to meet the need for a 100% Financial Educator in Winnebago County. The committee voiced its support for the position. Snider moved to explore a full-time Financial Educator position in Winnebago County, seconded by Zellmer. **Motion carried 5–0.**
 - The Diversity Affairs Commission has received some recommendations and will review at their next Steering Committee Meeting.
- **Area/Region/State Updates** – Already reviewed above.

2022 Committee Meeting Times: Postponed until after the April 2022 elections. Until further notice, meetings will continue at 9:00am on the 3rd Thursdays of each month in Meeting Room A.

Comments by Committee Members: None.

Next Meeting: Next regular committee meeting will be held Thursday, December 16, 2021.

Adjourned: Binder moved to adjourn at 10:23 a.m.; seconded by Powers. Motion carried 5–0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Hendrickson