

**University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee**  
**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room**

**Members Present:** Tom Snider, Mike Brunn, Steve Binder, Karen Powers, and Tom Borchart.

**Members Absent:** None.

**UW-Extension Staff:** Matt Hanson, Jessica Beckendorf, Dana Berger, Jody Bezio, Kim Miller, Sarah Thompson, Chad Cook, and Amy Hendrickson.

**Others Present:** Tom Egan and Mike Domke.

**Meeting called to order** at 9:01 a.m. by Tom Snider.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Brunn moved to approve the 11/15/2018 minutes; seconded by Borchart. Motion carried **5-0**.

**Program Reports:**

**Fair Association:** Egan's term as Fair Association President has now ended. Egan introduced Domke as the new Fair Association President. Domke briefly introduced himself. Binder inquired how Domke plans to partner with 4-H to meet Civil Rights diversity requirements. Egan reviewed the various expenditures of the 2018 Winnebago County Fair so that the committee understands how much of the revenue from the fair goes back into the county. The Fair Association took out a \$50,000 loan to fund the fair this year. Expenses exceeded the loan amount. Egan reviewed some of the ways the association has tried to increase revenue over the recent years. Domke shared that they will be looking at various fundraising and donation options this year. Egan requested Binder speak with the Parks Committee about the ... of the expenses charged to the Fair Association. The committee expressed their appreciation for Egan's many years of service and welcomed Domke to the Fair Association.

**Youth & Science:** Thompson introduced herself to the committee. Thompson's work has been focusing primarily on After-School programming in Menasha and Oshkosh. She attends various back-to-school fairs and events, where she attempts to recruit new 4-H members. Our office hosted two interns this fall that assisted with 4-H Youth & Science programming in various schools. The 2018 National Youth Science Day goal was to reach 150,000 youth during the month of October. The interns had to learn various programs to lead them at the National Youth Science Day event. Having the interns assist with programming this fall reached a much greater number of kids than usual by expanding programming into additional schools. They also participated in the Cloverbud 4-H graduation. Thompson conducts Lego Club once each month, hosting anywhere from 5-65 children per event. This program is where Thompson tends to see the greatest number of after-school kids attend.

**Natural Resources:** Cook and the committee introduced themselves. His new title is the Land & Water Outreach Program Manager. Cook will still be doing some local programming but is focusing more on statewide work. The Lake Winnebago system is on the state-reported list of water bodies impaired by the **Total Maximum Daily Load**, primarily by phosphorus and sediment. The focus has been on identifying the sources of these impairments and developing and implementing a plan to decrease the pollution levels. The public hearing has been held and it is now open for comments. Once the open period ends, the plan will be presented to the Environmental Protection Agency for approval. The entire report is available on the DNR website for additional information.

**Committee Chair Report:** Snider introduced the idea of getting UW-Extension involved in promoting public awareness of what the County Board does. Snider will converse with Beckendorf and Mia Ljung about this Resolution No. 98 and may add to a future meeting agenda.

**UW-Extension – Administration:**

**2018 Budget Transfer:** Beckendorf. Moved by Boarchart, seconded by Powers. Roll Call vote; 5 ayes. Snider will sign.

**Staff Updates/Area Updates:** The Winnebago County UW-Extension office has had several new staff hired recently. The new Healthy Community Coordinator will begin with the FoodWise program soon. The open AG Educator position closes next week, and committee members are encouraged to urge people to apply. Beckendorf requested a

committee member be present for the interviews, expected to be held on January 25, 2019. Brunn volunteered to participate. The half-time **Associate Financial Education** position has been submitted and will hopefully be starting around February.

**Department Activities:** Beckendorf

**State Activities:** Snider introduced Hanson to the rest of the committee. Hanson is the Assistant Dean to the Southern Areas of Extension. Hanson gave a brief introduction of his history with UW-Extension. Through his conversations with state legislators, Hanson is cautiously optimistic that the state will be investing more for funding Extension positions with the upcoming budgeting cycles. Hanson expressed his appreciation to the counties for supporting Extension work and funding staff positions during this time when the state has limited funding capabilities. Extension's merge to UW-Madison will soon include a transition to new logos. The AED position application period has closed. Initial interviews were completed last week. Final interviews will be hosted here in early January. The goal is to have the new AED start February 1, 2019.

**Comments by Committee Members:** Binder shared that he and Miller have recently spoken with Solid Waste about potential land opportunities for the Community Gardens. They will follow up after the holidays.

**Next Meeting:** Next regular committee meeting will be held Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Adjourned:** **Borchart** moved to adjourn; seconded by **Binder**. Motion carried **5-0, 10:24 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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