

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: November 14, 2016

Meeting called to order by: Chair Glen Borland called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Borland, Zastrow, Kannard, Patrick were present. Hartz absent.

Agents Present: Georgson, Jones and Eisenmann.

Others Present: Alexa Zoellner, Jefferson County Daily Union; Jim Schroeder, Jefferson County Board Chair, joined the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

Certification of Open Meetings Law: The agenda has been duly posted and the door is open.

Roll Call (establish a quorum): Quorum present

Approval of Agenda for Possible Rearrangement: None

Approval of October 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by Kannard, seconded by Patrick, to approve the October 10, 2016 minutes as printed. Motion unanimously approved.

Communications: None

Public Comment: None

Item: Introduction of Bruce Jones, 4-H Youth Development Agent

Georgson introduced Bruce Jones to the committee. Bruce provided the committee with a short introduction of himself. Committee welcomed Bruce.

Item: Update, Discussion and Input on the nEXT Generation Model

Eisenmann stated that there really hasn't been much movement over the past month. Georgson shared that the committees that are responsible for the administration within Lake Street have been put on hold at this point. The focus is on the counties and they have an aggressive timeline. In February and March, UW-Extension anticipates announcing options and providing an opportunity for feedback. July 1, 2017

is the date when implementation is expected. It has been noted that implementation may take up to a year or more. Carl Martin is strongly advocating for a transparent system and is trying to be very effective in his communications. Georgson asked the committee if they had been receiving the email communications. Committee members stated that they have been.

Item: Update of Jefferson County Hosting Farm Technology Days

Georgson stated that the Executive Committee is under development. There are currently 13 individuals confirmed; we would like to have 16 to move forward. The Executive Committee will need to be approved by the committee at the December meeting. After approval, the Executive Committee will start functioning as its own entity. Their first task will be to sign the contract with the host farm. At that time, the \$20,000 from the County would be transferred to the Executive Committee. The Executive committee will meet on November 28. Georgson anticipates that a site location will be decided upon at this meeting on the 28th. Discussion occurred about needs for site location and formation of committees and their responsibilities.

Item: Update of 2016 Monthly Budget

Georgson stated that the budget is pretty much the same as has been reported in the last few months. The plan was to utilize the savings from this year to come up with the \$20,000 needed for the starter funds for Farm Technology Days.

Item: Discussion of Monthly Agent Reports

Eisenmann and Georgson's monthly reports were sent electronically to the committee prior to the meeting. Review and highlights from their written monthly reports were provided by Eisenmann and Georgson. Eisenmann reported that her last day will be December 16. She recently completed a Strategic Plan Update for the Health Department. Borland asked how the nonprofit organizations will be provided assistance once Family Living Agent is gone. Eisenmann stated that is definitely a large need. The non-profits really do not have any other option than hiring a private sector consultant. Discussion occurred.

Georgson reported that Farm Technology Days will be a significant portion of his job for the next three years. He also reported that nEXT generation believes that the hiring of Interim positions is coming to an end. Discussion occurred. Georgson has a mentor team meeting and three year review meetings coming up in January and February.

Jones reported that he has been reviewing charters, attending meetings and meeting people.

Upcoming Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:

The next committee meeting will be held on December 12, 2016. Future Agenda items: nEXT Generation, 133 Contract, Farm Technology Days, Kathleen Eisenmann's last meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made Patrick, seconded by Kannard, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion passes: 4-0.