

Jefferson County University Extension Education Committee
Minutes for
March 23, 2009

Call to Order - Chairman Greg Torres called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Roll Call – Committee members present: Ron Buchanan, Mike Burow, John Kannard, Greg Torres and Robert Yachinich.

Also present: Agents Joe Bollman, Kathleen Eisenmann, Steve Grabow, and Gail Roberts; Richard Pederson, UW-Extension Southern District Director; and David Williams, UW-Extension Ag Program Leader.

Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Meeting posting was certified in accordance with Open Meeting Law requirements by Torres.

Approval of the Agenda for Possible Rearrangement

No need for rearrangement.

Approval of Minutes from Feb. 10, 2009 Meeting

Motion by Buchanan, seconded by Yachinich to approve February 23, 2009 minutes. Motion approved 5 - 0.

Citizen Input and Comments – None.

Holterman/Burlingham Farm Visit

Torres reminded committee of Daphne Holterman's invitation for April 22nd farm visit. Discussion was had. Torres is unable to make that date. Eisenmann will query dates in May and June from Holterman. Three hours for a visit.

Interim Ad Hoc Ag Position

Dick Pederson and Kathy Eisenmann reviewed budget situation. There is money available to hire 50% time position entirely funded by the County.

Motion made by Yachinich and seconded by Kannard to approve the hire of interim ag agent, Heidi Johnson from May 1 – August 31, 2009, and on a month-to-month basis as needed thereafter, at a salary of \$1767/month including 6% fringe benefits. Motion approved 5 – 0.

2009 Budget Update

Torres gave an update in lieu of Gary Petre who was ill.

Agent Reports

No agent reports were given due to the Visioning Session.

Agriculture in Jefferson County Visioning Session

A visioning process was held and discussion was had with members of the public and the committee on Ag trends and future needs.

Upcoming Agenda Items and Meeting dates

Next meeting date: April 27, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Agenda items will include performance review; draft Ag position description and Holterman/Burlingham farm visit.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Buchanan, Secretary