

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education
DATE OF MEETING: July 16, 2012, Wolf River Room, Resource Center
MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Bina, Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick, Arlene Bonacci
MEMBERS ABSENT: Holly Matucheski
OTHERS PRESENT: Kari Lazars, Sally Hull, Alex Crockford, Becky Knight

Bina called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Approve Minutes and Agenda:

Kamps made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Kamps made a motion to excuse Matucheski from the meeting. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agent Reports:

Jennifer Clark is on maternity leave. She submitted a written report.

Alex Crockford said the experiments at the Research Station are going good. Field day will be August 2 at 1 p.m. Campbell Scientific installed a new weather station to download weather data. Some early blight has been found in tomatoes in the area. One of the tractors at the Research Station had to be repaired and replacing it might be something to consider in the future. There are over 10,000 acres of canning crops planted in this area. Lots of insects have been coming in to the office to be identified. There was a large problem with cutworms. Farm Technology Days will be this week in New London. Alex is helping in a booth there on new technology. An additional 12,000 acres has been added to the AEA. Alex is on the board for the Farmers Market. The Garden Club painted the silt loam sign by the airport and they will be doing the planting around the barn at the fairgrounds when construction is completed. Adam Meyer has been spraying and irrigating at the Research Station. Alex will be leaving UW Extension to be the director of the Seed Certification Program starting August 1, 2012. Adam will continue working at the Research Station and Crop Care will be pest scouting the crops once a week. Alex will organize and help with harvesting.

Bostwick made a motion to refill the position of Agricultural Agent as a permanent, full-time position in Langlade County. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Becky Knight reported on 4-H camps at Camp Susan. She said she is delighted with the facility and with the counselors and adults who helped at camp.

Budget Update:

Kari Lazars handed out a quarterly budget update. Expenses are on track. There will be some savings seen in agent salaries. The Research Station had an employee from last year who filed for unemployment so that was an unexpected expense in that budget. This year's contract will be raised from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Credit Card for Becky Knight:

Bostwick made a motion to approve getting a credit card for Becky Knight, 4-H Youth Development Agent, with a limit of \$500. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bills:

Bonacci made a motion to approve the bills. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

The next Ag & Extension meeting will be Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Bostwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull