

UW-EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

5:15 PM, Room 104

Location: Agriculture & Resource Center
227 1st Street W
Altoona WI 54720

MINUTES

Members Present: Robin Leary, Colleen Bates, Tami Schraufnagel

Members Absent: Paul Reck and Doug Kranig

Others: Erin LaFaive and Sara Novotny

Call to Order

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Review / Approval of Committee Minutes / February 16, 2016

Motion by Supervisor Bates to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried 3-0.

Review Bills / Discussion / February 2016

The bills were reviewed.

Public Input

No member of the public present.

Update on *nEXT Generation Model* / Discussion – Action

Supervisor Bates attended the Wisconsin Counties Association meeting, Chancellor Sandeen was present. The Chancellor noted no final plans were complete, and implementation of those plans wouldn't occur until 2017. County partners stressed importance of getting more input in decision. Sandeen noted many options will be available to counties. Supervisor Bates noted concerns about extended timeline, morale, and funding. She also noted benefits of UW-Extension, including local presence, leverage, and prevention.

Update on WACEC State Conference / Discussion

June 20-21, 2016 at the Jefferson Street Inn in Wausau. Board meeting will be first agenda item on the 20th; final agenda is still being drafted.

Update on Office Manager Position/Staffing Updates / Discussion

The Office Manager temporary position was posted at 29 hours per week through September. Erin and Sara will re-evaluate position needs in September.

Horticulture Educator Update

Erin is applying for an EPA grant. This grant includes a position for a sustainability coordinator. Will also support other educational events, including Eco Teams and Community Gardens. Grant is approximately \$91,000 with nearly \$68,000 towards the position. Twenty-five percent of the grant has to go to sub-grants, awarded by the grant holders, at a maximum of \$5,000/each. The match from the county will be in-kind, other groups will match with monetary values. The grant is due in April.

Scheduling of Future Meetings / Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20 at 5:15 PM. Agenda items to include WACEC update, *nEXT Generation Model* update, WNEP grant approval and office manager update.

Adjourn

Chair Leary adjourned the meeting at 5:53 PM.