

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Clark County Ag & Extension Education Committee Meeting  
Monday, October 8, 2018  
Clark County Courthouse Auditorium, Neillsville  
9:30 a.m.**

### MINUTES

- I. Chairman Randy Sebesta called the Clark County Ag & Extension Committee to order at 9:31 a.m.
- II. Present were Ag & Extension Committee members: Randy Sebesta, Fritz Garbisch, Art Petke, Bryce Luchterhand, Noel Olson, and UW-Extension Staff: Richard Halopka, Melissa Kono, Nancy Vance, Christine Hollar, Judith Hasse, and Jason Hausler (AED).
- III. Art Petke moved to approve the minutes from September 10, 2018. Seconded by Noel Olson. Motion carried.
- IV. Finances
  - A. Voucher list was distributed and discussed. Fritz Garbisch moved to approve the vouchers from September 1 - 30, 2018. Seconded by Bryce Luchterhand. Motion carried.
  - B. Financial report was distributed and discussed. Bryce Luchterhand moved to approve the financial report from September 1 - 30, 2018. Seconded by Fritz Garbisch. Motion carried.
- V. General Office
  - A. AED Update – Jason Hausler  
Jason Hausler shared that a new Assistant Dean for the northern zone (which includes Clark County) has been hired. Catherine Neiswender starts on October 15<sup>th</sup> and he mentioned that he is hopeful to have her attend a future meeting.  
  
It was also shared that Bryce Luchterhand has been appointed to the UW-Extension Board of Visitors, which will have their first meeting next week. This board includes county board members from around the state.  
  
Staff will be attending an All Colleague meeting coming up in December. This is being sponsored by UW-Extension to begin program planning for 2019.
  - B. Dairy Educator Update  
Jason Hausler shared that pursuing other opportunities to provide Dairy coverage for Clark County have not been fruitful per the current contract, thus the county may want to consider investing some additional funds if they want to prioritize this position. Discussion ensued.  
  
Bryce Luchterhand moved to pursue hiring a half-time Dairy Educator for Clark County, utilizing current contractual budgeted dollars and seeking \$11,000.00 out of the general fund. Seconded by Noel Olson. Motion Carried.  
  
Chair Randy Sebesta will work with Teri Domasczek in Finance to prepare for the request for the Budget meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

- C. Office Staffing Update  
Jason Hausler informed the group that after recruiting a highly qualified candidate pool, and conducting interviews, the Office Assistant position has been filled. The colleague will begin on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- D. Farm Technology Days  
Richard Halopka mentioned that a group consisting of Randy Sebesta, Bob Meyer and Chuck Rueth attended the state Farm Tech Days meeting to pitch hosting the 2022 show in Clark County. The presentation went well and they should find out for sure by January if the state committee approves the proposal. Halopka feels very optimistic that Clark County will get the bid
- VI. Fairboard Liaison Report – Fritz Garbisch  
It was reported that the fair is projected to be in the positive this year (with bills still outstanding.) Also, there is currently around \$78,000.00 in their treasury.
- VII. Agent Reports
  - A. Melissa Kono, CNRED Educator
    - 1. Past and present programs
  - B. Nancy Vance, Family Living Educator
    - 1. Past and present program
  - C. Art Petke moved to approve the agent reports. Seconded by Bryce Luchterhand. Motion carried.
- VIII. Dog Damage
  - A. Discuss and/or act on dog damage claims - none
- IX. Future Meetings
  - A. Monday, November 12, 2018 / 9:30 a.m. / Courthouse Auditorium, Neillsville
  - B. Monday, December 10, 2018 / 9:30 a.m. / Courthouse Auditorium, Neillsville  
Monday, January 14, 2019 / 9:30 a.m. / Courthouse Auditorium, Neillsville
- X. Announcements  
Richard mentioned that he attended the FSA update last week and shared some of the take homes.  
Chris Hollar mentioned that this week is National 4-H Week.
- XI. Art Petke moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bryce Luchterhand. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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