Jackson County Extension Education Committee Minutes

March 14, 2017

Attending: Max Hart, Tom Reid, Larry Blaken, Karen Thayer, Tom Clark, Monica Lobenstein, Alex Galston, Trisha Wagner, April Duval, Luane Meyer

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thayer at 1:00 p.m.

Jenna Hinrichs, Outreach Education Assistant, was not able to attend but Monica explained the staffing plan now that she has a 50% state specialist position and Alex is 50% 4-H Program Advisor and 50% Outreach Education Coordinator.

Motion by Hart and second by Clark to approve the minutes of the February 8 meeting. Carried. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11 at 1 p.m. Tom R. will host.

Motion by Blaken and second by Hart to approve the bills as presented. Carried.

Farm to School update: Max shared that the current news on the possible elimination of the F to S Coordinator at DATCAP does not affect the future of the AmeriCorps grant process from DPI. Max brought summaries of current Farm to School programs for viewing.

Decision made to share these summaries with school district stakeholders in county school districts before the end of the school year and discuss potential ideas for F2S in Jackson County. Decision made to put a possible grant application on hold until the 2018 grant period.

Update on nEXT Generation: the most recent Internal Update, March 3, was shared. The timeline of implementation as reported on during the Dean’s wisline was shared.

Education Reports:

April summarized the monthly projects, events, and professional development including grant proposal for GardenWIse program, survey with Head Start parents, and organizing Civil Rights records. “Why we do what we do” report of how SNAP-ED works and changes behaviors for families was distributed.

Monica and Alex reported on the following programs: Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Services Family Night engineering activities; the relationship between HCN Youth Council and the United Health grant and Food Smart station at Family Night; training for high school students on the Teens Against Bullying Others held; conducted mid-year evaluation with BRF school district staff who have participated in MindUP education since summer 2016 – higher impact when teachers role model mindful strategies.

Trisha highlighted the following programs: Melrose grain risk management series which will include follow-up sessions; 2016-2017 WI Farm Succession and Estate Planning series has offered 7 webinars between August and March; presented at Grassworks Annual Conference from the Becoming the Employer of Choice program for farm human resources managers.

Written education reports are available at the Extension Office.

Motion by Reid and second by Blaken to go into closed session for the purpose of performance review for Meyer at 2:30 p.m. Carried.

Motion by Clark and second by Hart to adjourn at 3:10 p.m. Carried.

Submitted by: Luane Meyer