Jackson County Extension Education Committee

September 10, 2015

Attending: Larry Blaken, Tyler Kapfer, Karen Thayer, Monica Lobenstein, Trisha Wagner, Alex Galston, Luane Meyer

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairperson Thayer. Karen hosted. Motion by Kapfer and second by Blaken to approve the August 21 meeting minutes. Carried.

The next meeting is October 8 at 8:30 a.m. Gaylord will host.

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

Trisha reported on an International Program opportunity to expand her work with the International State Team one more year. Planning is ongoing for a Farmer-to-Farmer project in Colombia with an emphasis on soil quality and analysis along with the training of technicians to carry on the work.

Motion by Kapfer and second by Blaken to approve the international trip contingent upon following up with Kyle Deno on whether any visits to other committee meetings would be needed. Trisha will have neighboring agents available to answer any calls that might require attention during the 2 weeks that Trisha is out of the office.

The 2016 Budget Narrative was reviewed with the committee.

Education Reports:

Monica shared program highlights including: 4-H outreach displays to the schools at the beginning of the school year; Clover Chase coordinated by volunteers as a fundraiser for the area clubs and the 4-H Parents & Leaders; has been involved in the MindUp on-line training and Alex has been putting the kits together to be used for future programs with focus on youth, parents, and community. Monica explained the changes in the structure of the 4-H Executive Board in an effort to have all clubs represented and expand on the volunteer training efforts.

Trisha highlighted the following programs: the Dry and Transition Cow Management Program was offered in 2 formats – one to farmers and the other for consultants; Trisha will be translating the dairy farm employee DVDs into Spanish; Farm Succession Peer Discussion group continues to meet addressing current issues related to farm succession; the Boys & Girls Club group has completed their lessons at the Community Garden; the winter session of the Farm & Industry Shortcourse will have co-instructors so there is the possibility that Trisha will be involved with the program again this session.

Luane reported on the following programs: how the Powerful Tools for Caregivers sessions are progressing; preparing for the Fall Session of Strengthening Families; use of radio and TV for outreach efforts; working with the Master Gardeners in preparation for mini-session at GreenLifeXpo.

Motion by Kapfer and second by Blaken to adjourn at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Luane Meyer