Jackson County Extension Education Committee Minutes

November 5, 2015

Attending: Larry Blaken, Tyler Kapfer, Gaylord Olson, Karen Thayer, Monica Lobenstein, Trisha Wagner, Luane Meyer

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. be Chairperson Thayer. Luane hosted. Motion by Blaken and second by Olson to approve the October 8 minutes. Carried. The next meeting is December 10 at 8:30 a.m. Tyler will host. Motion by Kapfer and second by Blaken to approve the bills as presented. Carried.

The CY2016 133 contract amendment was presented and signed by the committee.

Discussion on the nEXT Generation local component document took place. The nEXT Gneration Model Timeline was distributed and follow up questions centered around the how the county job descriptions would be affected,

Alex and Luane presented information on the Broadband Bootcamp that they attended. The session was presented by staff from the Broadband & E-Commerce Education Center. The following highlights included: what is broadband, how does this impact Jackson County, how does this service interact with partners in the county, and what resources are available to begin discussions if requested.

Education Reports:

Monica shared the following youth development program highlights: Monica and Alex led Halloween Science stations at the Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Services Family Night and there are plans to move forward with a 4-H club at this site; Alex worked with Ho-Chunk Youth Council to identify youth who will be attending the Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership conference; moving forward on goals of the HWPP Partnership Council; Taking Care of You sessions being held for audience of adults from community; shared tools and evaluation from Youth QPR (suicide prevention) with Marshfield Clinic for their use in area; Alex is incorporating mindfulness techniques into the anti-bullying lessons at Lincoln and BRF.

Trisha included the following agricultural programming in addition to the Farmer to Farmer-Partners of the Americas volunteer assignment in Colombia (will present on this at future EEC meeting); has coordinated farmer visits with the UW-Ext Agricultural Biological Systems Engineer to discuss alternatives regarding livestock facilities and production expansion; Master Gardener volunteer training is ongoing with local MG sharing experiences; co-authored article for Oct. 25 issue of Hoard’s Dairyman.

Luane highlighted the following family living programs: programming for incarcerated populations at JCI and the BRCC; ongoing programming for the caregiver initiative; participating in the Taking Care of You sessions for skill-building professionally to interweave with other curricula that impact families.

April submitted a written report highlighting the WNEP projects & events for October.

Motion by Olson and second by Blaken to adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Luane Meyer