Jackson County Extension Education Committee Minutes

August 17, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thayer at 8:30 a.m.

Correction in the minutes to delete the following statement: The salary will continue to be a 60/40 split between state and county. Motion by Clark and second by Blaken to approve minutes as corrected. Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14 at 8:30 a.m. Larry will host.

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

Compensation of hours worked by Faye Smith during the hiring process to fill the support staff position was approved by Executive and Finance. Julie Peterson will begin in the Support Staff position full-time on August 28.

A discussion on updates within the nEXT Gen and the status of salaries for Jackson County UW-Extension positions to be included in the 2018 proposed budget was presented by Pat Malone. Points made included: Youth Development and Family Living becoming one program; half-time 4-H Program Coordinator position to manage the county 4-H program with the possibility of becoming a full-time, 2-county position; specialist positions being identified and located throughout the state; salary chart used across the state to develop stability with positions over time with increase of promoting grants and entrepreneurship. Malone presented three options for different educator positions with a partial or 100 percent of a FTE position attached, including Option B with staff of 4-H Program Coordinator (.5 FTE), Youth & Families Extension Educator (1 FTE), and Agriculture Extension Educator (1 FTE).

Motion by Hart and second by Reid to approve the proposed 2018 operational budget and Option B for salaries. Carried.

For UWEX staff, EEC members, county partners, Malone has scheduled a multi-county meeting for Thursday, August 31, to work on issue identification across county lines.

Jackson County Fair evaluation identified that this was a year for transitioning some management duties to fair board members and UW-Extension staff is looking for more specific explanation of responsibilities from the state on educator roles at county fairs.

Education Reports: See attached.

Motion by Hart and second by Clark to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Carried.

Submitted by: Luane Meyer