



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

July 9, 2018

**The following documents are included in the packet for the
Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on
Tuesday, July 10, 2018:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the June 12, 2018 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Resolution
- 6) Educator Report for: Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator).
- 7) 4-H and Ag Report: Kathy Ninneman (support staff)



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AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 Time: 9:00 a.m.
Green Lake County Government Center, Training Room
571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI

AGENDA

Committee Members

Patti Garro, Chair

Keith Hess

*Katie Mehn, Vice
Chair*

Kathy Morris

Peter Wallace

*Kathy Ninneman,
Secretary*

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Welcome to the new colleagues
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes: 06/12/18
6. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
7. County Library Services Report (submitted monthly report) – Linda DeNell, Caestecker Public Library, Green Lake
8. Correspondence
9. **FAIR**
10. 2018 Contracts – Discussion/Approval
11. 2018 Fair Updates on Projects and Events
12. Fair Set-Up Night/Volunteer Schedule
13. **UW-EXTENSION**
14. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings, Meetings & Programs
15. 4-H Coordinator Position / Resolution (Discussion / Approval)
16. Area Extension Director Report
17. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
18. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: August 14, 2018
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
19. Adjourn

Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office. Sincerely, Kathy Ninneman

Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or Audio assistance, should contact the UW-Extension Office, 294-4032, not later than 3 days before date Of the meeting.



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair Patti Garro, at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Patti Garro, Chair
Keith Hess
Katie Mehn, Vice Chair
Kathy Morris
Peter Wallace

Staff Present: Jay Dampier
Katie Gellings
Kathy Ninneman
Kim Zills

Also Present: Mark Arend, Assistant Director, Winnefox Library System; Linda DeNell, Caestecker Library Director, Green Lake; Chris Kalupa, Berlin Library Director; Lucy Hazelwood, Markesan Library Director; Cindy Wallace, CTS; Todd Morris, Conservationist from Land Conservation; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator; Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman; Sue Wendt, Green Lake County Supervisor.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Hess/Wallace) to approve the May 13, 2018 minutes with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD NOMINATION

Todd Morris, Conservationist of Land Conservation, representing the Drainage Board reported Pat Krueger's position is up for the year. William Seno, Dave Ryan, and Pat Krueger have submitted nominations. **Motion/second (Hess/Wallace)** to forward the nominations for appointment on to Judge Slate. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT – LINDA DENELL, CAESTECKER GREEN LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted monthly reports on file. DeNell highlighted areas in each of the library reports. Each of the librarians in attendance gave a short verbal report of their library happenings.

COUNTY LIBRARY PLAN OF SERVICE AND FUNDING AGREEMENT

Wallace and Arend explained the Winnefox Library agreement and the process. This is a five year agreement with the five libraries. It is a two part request: one for the Winnefox and the other for the CTS Office. This will be sent on to Cathy Schmit, County Administrator.

ELECTION OF WINNEFOX LIBRARY SYSTEM MEMBER

The County Board Chair appoints this person. Kathy Morris has agreed to serve on this board.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

2018 CONTRACTS

Zills has a signed contract from Rich Swanke, Pullers Inc. But is still waiting on an alcohol contract and the Berlin High School band. Modern Rentals came through on signing the agreement and is in the Corp Counsels' possession.

ELECTRICAL UPDATE

The electrical box that was damaged from salt runoff needs repairing.

2018 FAIR UPDATES ON PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Zills has all the fair handouts ready for the committee to handout to areas in their county. The GAB organization on "Bullying" will be funded through the \$1,000 grant through the Oberreich Foundation.

EDUCATORS' SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS & RELEVANT TRAININGS, MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Written monthly report on file for Gellings, along with Ninneman, who has been filling in for the 4-H program. Gellings gave a verbal report.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Dampier is working to accomplish this in all of his five county area. He gave the Committee a handout on various questions and asked them to write down specific needs that would be valuable to our county.

Major needs in this county: 1) office focus; 2) family values (employability training); 3) kids bouncing from parent to parent etc. and drug problems; 4) how to attract younger people to the area.

What are some of the biggest assets in the county? 1) hunting/fishing recreation; 2) marketing and branding our county to attract people; 3) great summer programs; 4) productive farm lands.

COUNTY CONTRACT 136 DISCUSSION

This was tabled last meeting due to the motion from the Committee approving the 4-H position. Dampier gave a handout to the Committee.

AG EDUCATOR SEARCH UPDATE

Dampier said he is cautiously optimistic. He verbally extended the offer to their #1 candidate. They are presently in the negotiation stages and hoping for a July 1st start date, if agreements work out. There was much discussion regarding the vacant positions in the office.

Mehn & Morris left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

AG, EDUCATION & FAIR COORDINATOR LTE POSITION

Schmit explained the interviews were held last Thursday. The offer was extended to Morgan Martinez (Fox) and she accepted the position and will begin on Wednesday, June 20.

STAFFING UPDATE

This was covered in discussion above.

AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT

Dampier gave the Committee a copy of his report.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Hess/Wallace). All ayes. Approved.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION –

ICC meeting is Monday, June 18 in Baraboo. Please contact Harley or Cathy if interested in going.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: July 10, 2018 in the Training Room at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Hess/Wallace) to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Committee Secretary*

DRAFT

Green Lake County Libraries Activity Report for July 2018

Berlin - As we hit the half way point of our summer reading program, the Berlin Library is definitely rockin'! So far, we have amazingly handed out over 1,200 reading cards to patrons of all ages. These cards can be turned in for a chance to win reading incentive prizes that have been donated by many local businesses. This has really encouraged summer reading, especially with our school children, to help avoid the summer slide.

In conjunction with the reading incentives, we are also presenting wonderful programming for families during our Libraries Rock! Summer Program. On June 28, close to 90 kids and parents attended the Nature's Niche animal program making it a very successful and exciting program. Still to come are an interactive music program, a magician, crafts, an adult yoga/meditation program, and Essential Oils. Our final library summer program will be a bowling party at the end of July. To earn a spot, kids have to read at least 20 minutes in the library. We already have 30 kids signed up, and we still have another month to go for kids to qualify.

In other Berlin Library news, we will be doing some touch up painting on our Carnegie Library building, which has not been done since the 1970's. We are also looking at sprucing up the landscaping to keep our library looking great. We are very lucky to have volunteers helping us with the flower beds, which we very much appreciate.

Green Lake – Like all the other county libraries, we are in the middle of a busy summer season of programs and special events for readers of all ages. Giant bubbles to wild animals, the sounds of Wisconsin to the art of field guide illustration, our program offerings include something for everyone. And with the hot sticky weather we have been a welcoming public place where folks can cool off.

Check our web site www.greenlakelibrary.org for all the details on programs, new books and movies, and the latest Green Lake library news.

Kingston – Our summer reading program is in full swing. Last week the children enjoyed a reading from Tom Winkers, band director at Markesan Schools. He not only read the story but added sound effects with instruments as well. Children who complete the 4 weeks of reading will be rewarded with an afternoon spent swimming at the Berlin Pool. Once the summer reading program is over we will begin planning events for the County-wide read in Sept.

We are also working on weeding our collection this summer. Some days we get a little done, some days a big chunk. During the hot weather we have seen a big increase in people coming thru the doors, lots of them checking things out, but some just coming in to cool off for a while.

Happy 4th of July!

Markesan – Markesan Public Library had a brain storming session with the both the entire library board and all of the staff. We covered so many topics, from the library collection, to programs, equipment, marketing, staffing, budgeting, landscaping, building needs as well as other topics. Our next step will be to arrange everything we talked about into columns and expanding the list to include cost, what can be done soon, what will require more time and planning, who will be responsible for each task, will it be a one-time task or recurring, etc. The process may include a community survey, hiring a consultant and other library visits. It may take longer than a year to come up with a written strategic planning document. In the meantime we are wrapped up the usual summer activities such as summer library program, visitors, community events, school visits, etc.

Princeton - The Summer Reading Program is in full swing. We have three concurrent arms to this summer's activities. First is the children's programming which includes Storytime, crafts, and special guests, from magicians to musicians to live animal encounters. In part because of the library's collaboration with the Summer Rec program, we have been having 60+ attendees to many of these events. We have a couple more in July, but for the most part our July programming will be in the evenings and geared to families, from s'more nights, to a talent show.

The second arm of our Summer Reading Program, is the reading challenge. 70 children ages 4-14 are enrolled in this challenge. Each child has a punch card to keep track of their reading, and when they complete once card, they either earn a free book or a chance to enter into one of big raffle prizes. This has been highly motivating to a number of children. We have given away 30 books and some children are on their 5/6/7 punch card.

The final arm of our Summer Reading Program is a circulation challenge. All participants are working collaboratively to complete a sticker puzzle, and every time they check out a book or audiobook, they get a sticker to help with the completed piece. Our goal is to check out 1,000 books during the months of June and July. It has been very exciting to see the kids so engaged; they are eager to discover what the puzzle picture will show when completed.

Otherwise, library business chugs along like normal. We have Rebekah Weiss from the Aves Wildlife Alliance visiting us on July 23. We are hosting an ice cream party to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. In October Jerry Apps will be at a dinner at the American Legion for us; a fundraiser for the expansion project. We hope to send that project out to bid at the end of the July.

RESOLUTION NUMBER -2018

RESOLUTION RELATING TO

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 21st day of August 2018, does resolve as follows:

1 **WHEREAS**, the University of Wisconsin System operates a Cooperative Extension
2 program with counties to provide educational services and programs locally; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin cut funding in its budget for the University of
4 Wisconsin System resulting in the Cooperative Extension Program reorganizing its
5 structure and delivery of services; and

Majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. -2018

Submitted by: Agriculture/Extension
Education and Fair Committee

Ayes , Nays , Absent , Abstain

Passed and Adopted/Rejected this
21st day of August 2018.

Patti Garro, Chair

Katie Mehn, Vice-chair

County Board Chairman

Peter Wallace

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

Keith Hess

Corporation Counsel

Kathy Morris

6 WHEREAS, such reorganization resulted in changes to the counties' annual contracts
7 based upon county wishes and available funding; and

8 WHEREAS, each county entered into a contract based on what programs and
9 services they felt were necessary and important in their area, prioritizing these based
10 on funding available; and

11 WHEREAS, the State has been unilaterally changing the terms of the contracts based
12 on State budget considerations and without regard to existing contractual obligations
13 to the counties; and

14 WHEREAS, the counties feel with the challenges facing our youth today; the opioid
15 crisis, increased violence in our schools, increased suicide rates among teens,
16 bullying and cyber-bullying, this is not the time for UW Extension to balance their
17 budget at the expense of a proven successful youth program; and

18 WHEREAS, for example Green Lake County entered into a one year contract with the
19 Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin for the period of January 1 -
20 December 31, 2018, which called for 3.23 FTE positions within the County, including
21 but not limited to a full-time 4-H Program Coordinator and an Communities Extension
22 Educator from July-December of 2018, neither of which have been filled; and

23 WHEREAS, the Area Extension Director for Green Lake County has advised that the
24 State will not be funding the 4-H Program Coordinator position as a full-time position
25 and has not begun the process for filling the Communities Extension Educator due to
26 budget cuts.

27 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Board of
28 Supervisors object to a unilateral cut in the budget and level of service to be provided
29 in conflict with the current contract for services between Wisconsin Counties and the
30 Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors urge
32 the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin to fulfill its obligations under the
33 current contract.

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Family Living Program in June of 2018. During the reporting period, the educator made 121 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Dual-County Financial Wellness Coalition

The Waushara County Family Living Educator and I collaborated to form a Financial Wellness Coalition, as an opportunity to partner with agencies and financial institutions to improve the financial health of families living in the communities of both counties. The coalition will work to support financial capability education, increase public awareness of family’s economic conditions, and advocate for increased financial wellness. Our first meeting was held at ThedaCare in Berlin and included Green Lake County representatives from Markesan State Bank, Farmer’s & Merchant’s Bank, ADRC, and Horicon Bank. Others that were unable to attend the meeting included Economic Support, Veteran’s Services, Fortifi Bank, Forward Services, and Thrivent Financial. We will be rotating the meeting location to accommodate for traveling, and meetings will take place quarterly. Please let me know if you’d like to be involved in the coalition so I can add you to the contact list.

Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry – Green Lake County Food Pantry, Green Lake

I provided health and nutrition education to over 40 individuals at the Green Lake County Food Pantry during the Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry Senior Mobile Market. The Senior Mobile Market program is a farmers’ market-style food distribution targeting the nutritional needs of senior citizen residents in Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara Counties. The program is designed to help serve seniors in rural communities by providing a distribution of healthy and nutritious food, with a heavy focus on fresh, locally-sourced produce.



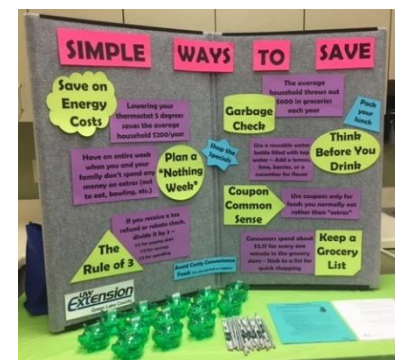
Community Gathering and Planning Workshop, Green Lake

In conjunction with the Green Lake County Health Department, I worked with Julia McCarroll (Health Educator) to plan and lead a workshop for community’s members and stakeholders. The workshop allowed for the opportunity to share information about the health priorities of the Community Health Improvement Plan, develop shared goals related to the health of our county, and create an action plan to help us reach our goal of applying for and receiving the Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation in 2019.



Green Lake County Employee Health Fair, Green Lake

I had an educational booth at the two-day Green Lake County Employee Health Fair. My financial wellness booth included simple tips to save money. Examples include ‘Do a garbage check! Did you know the average household throws out over \$600 worth of groceries each year?’ and ‘Follow the rule of 3! If you receive a tax refund or rebate check, divide it by 3 – 1/3 for paying debts, 1/3 for savings, and 1/3 for spending.’ I had informational handouts and piggy banks for participants. Almost 90 employees attended the Annual Employee Health Fair this year!



June Dairy Days Program, Princeton Library

I held a June Dairy Days program at the Princeton Library for children as part of their Friday Summer Reading Fun programs. We talked about what foods are in the dairy food group and the importance of getting enough calcium and nutrients from dairy products. We also made a few batches of mozzarella cheese for everyone (even parents!) to enjoy with crackers!



Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 103 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of June. I continue to have a number of professional meetings scheduled with colleagues and mentors to continue to network and learn from my fellow Extension educators.

Working Together for WI Summit – 2018 WI Farmworkers Coalition Summit, Oshkosh

A few months ago, the United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) Regional Director asked me to present two 75-minute presentations on stress management at their Working Together for WI Summit. The Summit was a training for all UMOS employees, which includes seasonal farmworker individuals and families, migrant childcare teachers, bus drivers, kitchen staff, and Head Start staff. Mary Ann Schilling (Waushara County Family Living Educator) and I often partner on programs for UMOS, as their farmworker camp and childcare site border our counties. Therefore, I asked Mary Ann to co-present for the Summit. We presented to 41 individuals on the first day of the Summit, and 48 on the second day.



Out of County Days

- 2 Out of county days for June (Working Together for WI Summit – presenting twice, Oshkosh – 2)
- 1 ½ Out of county days planned for July (Financial Security Programming Meeting, Madison – 1*; Farm Tech Days – Family Living educational booth, Wood County – ½)

* Travel expenses are covered by UW Extension

June 2018

Report by Kathy Ninneman

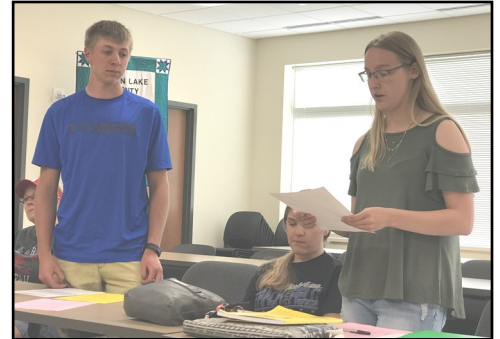


Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting, June 7—7:00 pm. I compile the agenda

and email it to the president for approval. I coordinate the various clubs that are on for club reports for the month ahead of time. I also attend the meeting and dispense information that would normally come from the 4-H educator: an update on the Five-County 4-H Camp, Fall Forum at the GL Conference Center in November and updates on the Summer LTE 4-H/Fair Co-



ordinator and Agriculture Extension Educator. There were two club reports: Fox River Patriots, by Alexander Douglas, on the left and Roy Creek Ramblers, by Ben Bruss and Sami Becker on the right.



Livestock Council Meeting—June 19—7:30 pm, held in the Training Room. I attended this meet-

ing, which is normally attended by the 4-H educator and/or Ag educator. I collaborate with the president and compile the agenda and then email it to the Board of Directors. I answer any questions that pertain to UW-EX and the Fair to help the members understand the policies and procedures pertaining to this group. Alexis Dreger, gave a very educational presentation about "Rabbits."



4-H Camp June 25-26—Green Lake County sent 12 campers this year, along with 3 adult chaperones, plus our new Youth Agriculture, Education & Fair Coordinator LTE, Morgan Martinez, from our office. The 4-H Leaders' Association provided their transportation and bus driver, Dan Berndt, volunteered to drive.



4HOnline Volunteer background checks continue to be a slow process at the state level. I continue to help our county volunteers through this process and also communicate with Mike Farrey at the state office.



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**June Dairy Days
Markesan
June 9**

**Focus on
the Farm
Markesan
June 2**



Green Lake's 4th of July parade