



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

May 2, 2017

**The following documents are included in the packet for the
Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on
Tuesday, May 9, 2017:**

- 1) Amended Cover Sheet
- 2) Amended Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the April 11, 2017 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Educator Reports for: Jay Dampier (Community Resource & Economic Development), John de Montmollin (4-H Youth Development), and Amanda Miller (FoodWise Coordinator).



**AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR
MEETING NOTICE**

**Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.
Green Lake County Government Center, Training Room
571 County Road A, Green Lake, Wisconsin**

AGENDA

Committee Members:
Joanne Guden,
Chairperson
Bob Schweder, Vice-
Chairperson
Patti Garro
Katie Mehn
David Richter

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1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Certification of Open Meeting Notice
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of the April 11, 2017 Minutes
5. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
6. Public Appearances
7. County Library Services Report – Linda DeNell, Caestecker Public Library, Green Lake
 - a. Submitted Monthly Report
8. Correspondence
9. Change Meeting Time – Discussion/Approval
10. **FAIR – 2017**
 - a. 2017 Fair Contracts – Discussion/Approval
 - b. Truck/Tractor Pull Updates – Discussion/Approval
 - c. Alliant Energy Usage for Fair – Discussion/Approval
 - d. Informational Handouts – Discussion/Approval
11. **UW-EXTENSION**
 - a. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings, Meetings & Programs
 - b. Coverage of Agriculture Agent duties – Discussion
 - c. Summer Intern Position – Discussion/Approval
 - d. nEXT Generation of UW-Extension – Committee Discussion
 - e. Tap Into It: Responses from Green Lake County
 - f. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
 - g. Committee Discussion
12. Future Agenda Items
13. Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday, June 13, 2017
14. Adjournment

Kindly arrange to be present; if unable to attend, please notify our office.
Sincerely,

Jay Dampier
Green Lake County UW-Extension
Community Resource & Economic Development Educator/Department Head

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in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA requirements.*

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 at 294-4032 no later than Noon on the day preceding the meeting.



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairman, Joanne Guden, at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 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: Joanne Guden, Chairman
Patti Garro
Katie Mehn
David Richter
Bob Schweder

Staff Present: Jay Dampier
Kathy Ninneman
Kim Zills

Staff Absent: John de Montmollin
Katie Gellings
Amanda Miller

Others Present: Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman; Rich Swanke, Pullers Inc.; Clairellyn Sommersmith, Princeton Public Library; and Tony Daly, reporter for Berlin Journal newspapers.

AGENDA

Motion/second (Garro/Richter) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Richter/Garro) to approve the March 7, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES – None.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT – CLAIRELLYN SOMMERSMITH & TEDDY

Submitted monthly reports on file. Sommersmith also highlighted some points from the libraries.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Will Andresen, Interim North Central Region Director, to accept Nav Ghimire's resignation as Agriculture Agent for Green Lake County as of April 5, 2017.

Zills had the following correspondence to report:

- United Cooperative – Donation for Sound System
- ThedaCare – Donation for handwashing stations
- Kwik Trip – Donation for Children's program
- A & P Enterprise Shows – Plaque

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dampier reported that the Committee drafted an updated Fairest of the Fair application. There will be a revised date added.

Motion/second (Garro/Richter) to approve the application. Motion carried.

2017 FAIR CONTRACTS

- Hollywood Motorsports LLC – Demolition Derby (changed to Saturday at 2:00 p.m.)
- Temporary Services Agreement
- Sizzlin' Sonny's Rockin' Roadshow
- Cutlass Cooking Entertainment

- The Traveling Theater of Chaos
- Pulvermacher's Temporary Service Agreement

Motion/second (Garro/Richter) to approve the contracts as presented. Motion carried.

TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL UPDATES

Swanke would like to do some improvements, as donated changes. It was suggested that he draw up some sketches to show Amy Brooks, Highway Commissioner, and then forward to Property and Insurance.

INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS

Nothing.

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

Written monthly reports on file for Dampier, de Montmollin, Gellings, and Ghimire were reviewed. Dampier gave brief verbal reports of their present programming.

WACEC NORTH CENTRAL

WACEC was attended by County Board Chair, Harley Reabe, committee members, Dave Richter and Bob Schweder, along with department head, Jay Dampier.

Attendees expressed disappointment that the Dean, Cathy Sandeen, was not in attendance. Several counties are still unclear of future implications related to the nEXT Gen process. The "untentured" educators were not given a clear picture as to what their future looks like.

COVERAGE OF AGRICULTURE AGENT DUTIES

Dampier said a plan is starting to take place. He had conversations with Will Andresen, North Central Regional Director and Dave Williams, Associate Program Director. Dampier will attend the May CWAS meeting. He will connect with Craig Saxe, Agriculture Agent-Juneau County, regarding the diagnosis process. Williams will also connect with surrounding counties as Winnebago for programming or Columbia County for Amish. Williams will reach out to state specialists to bring in someone for a particular program.

SUMMER INTERN POSITION

Dampier explained with the budget reduction, we eliminated the Summer Intern position. But with the Ag Agent salary savings, if we could repurpose the funds and hire someone with an Ag background. **Motion/second (Richter/Mehn)** to approve the budgetary adjustment. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FOR NAV GHIMIRE

Guden said the Committee would like to sign a resolution to recognize Ghimire for all of the years that he has served Green Lake County.

Motion/second (Richter/Garro) to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

nEXT GENERATION OF UW-EXTENSION

Dampier reported they did hire the two Assistant Deans for the two zones (southern & northern). They are in the process of hiring the new Area Extension Directors.

TAP INTO IT: RESPONSES FROM GREEN LAKE COUNTY

No new stories.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Schweder/Richter). Approved.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The Reality Fair on April 26 is at the Berlin High School.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- nEXT Generation
- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Dampier.
- Next regular meeting date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in the Training Room at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Mehn/Schweder) to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Ninneman, Program Specialist

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Green Lake County Libraries Report for May 2017

Berlin - April was a great month for the Berlin Library. Our National Library Week brought in 195 people to help us celebrate! We had a Communi-Tree set up in the library where patrons filled out paper leaves to add to a birch tree to say where their favorite place in Berlin is, and we were happy to see so many people write down "library!"

Gaelic Harpist Jeff Pockat brought out over 40 concert goers on April 22 and William Shakespeare's Birthday Party on April 26 had over 30 people celebrating with us!

We are looking forward to our Star Wars party on May 4, the Friends of the Library Book Sale & Bake Sale from May 4 to May 6, and a Mother & Daughter Spa Day on May 15.

Otherwise, preparation for Summer Library Club is underway!

Green Lake – Happy May! The month kicks off with Children's Book Week, continues with a book sale, a program on wetlands, and a cooking demonstration by Wisconsin Public Television star Inga Witscher, and winds up with visits by the 4K and Kindergarten classes. In between we will be doing some outside landscape restoration work on the east side of the library, refresh some interior bits, and keep the kids busy with after school programs. There is always something going on at the library – check the calendar of events at www.greenlakelibrary.org

Kingston – We currently are helping the Kingston Lions Club by displaying a magnifying floor lamp here in the library, that they are selling. It's to help those with failing eye sight. The super-large lens provides 5X magnification to easily cover an entire page. It's very flexible so a person could position the lens exactly where they need it, whether sitting in a chair or standing by a desk. Seeing the library carries large print books and books on CD which both could be used for those with failing sight we felt that this item could be a bonus in someone's life. The lamp is out so a person can come in and try it out before purchasing one.

We have been working on weeding our collection the past few months. The childrens section, adult fiction, and part of the non-fiction section have been finished. All books that are pulled from the collection go into our back room for sale. We have also started a Rummage for Reading table in the library. Are you doing Spring cleaning? Trying to make a little more room throughout your house or garage? Sometimes we have things that we'd like to get rid of but are just too nice to throw away, and yet we want them gone. Now you can donate them to the "Rummage for Reading" table. Put a price on it, drop it off at the library. There is a two-fold benefit, out of your home, and raising money for the library also. Due to limited space we are not accepting any clothing or electronics at this time. If you have any questions about what can or cannot be donated give the library a call at 920-394-3281 Monday through Thursday afternoons from 1pm to 6pm. All profits from "Rummage for Reading" will be used to purchase new materials for the library.

Markesan – Markesan Public Library is now ready with the Garden Art Silent Auction with 43 of the most wonderful items. Just to list some: 3 tier corner plant stand, concrete leaf, several bird houses, rustic wooden bench, welded art, pottery and many more. Each item is unique and created by local artisans. The bidding ends on Saturday May 13 at 11:00. Proceeds will go toward children and adult programming. Also on that day there will be a plant sale and book sale starting at 9:00 a.m.

This report briefly describes work completed during April 2017 within the Community Natural Resources and Economic Development (CNRED) Program. During the reporting period, I made 126 direct educational / professional contacts.

Organizational Development and Capacity Building

Design Wisconsin Team planning in Princeton Work continues on the Princeton Design Team project. Planning work is currently underway and I am facilitating the group's application and community outreach plan.

Volunteer needs assessment development I launched an online needs assessment last reporting period in order to ascertain community needs related to managing volunteers. Green Lake County has a higher than the state average number of non-profit organizations and generally these organizations tend to rely heavily on volunteers. I want to determine if volunteer development needs exist in Green Lake County. Survey results are currently being collected, and presently 35 people have responded.

Tri-county Economic Development Corporation (TREDC) planning I along with Waushara County CRD Educator facilitated a follow up session with TREDC board members. The session focused on determining measurable evaluation criteria for the organization.

Green Lake County Economic Development Corporation I continued work on the Green Lake County Economic Development Corporation bylaws that included incorporating all the previous comments and meeting notes into an updated draft bylaws, along with proposed wording for a resolution that will go to county board.

Natural Resource Stewardship

Arbor Day Presentation During the reporting period, I delivered the presentation entitled, "How trees built the Midwest." The presentation featured five different tree species, and I included ash, sugar maple, pine, apple and white birch.

Apple pruning workshop I worked with Greg Becker at Pineapple Hill Orchard to coordinate an apple pruning workshop. I covered this program in light of the Ag Agent vacancy.

Reducing non-point source pollution one lawn at a time As a condition of the North Central Innovative Grant, I sent material to green industry professionals. The materials describe how improved water quality can be achieved through good lawn care practices.

Outreach and Promotion

Government Day During the reporting period, I along with colleagues prepared to host high school students during Government Day at the County Building. I along with Kim presented on topics including the services and impacts UW-Extension and the County Fair provides citizens.

Professional Development

Joint Council of Extension Professionals I participated in a number of training sessions including, "Building an effective board of directors," "Addressing dilemmas," and "How to be a more effective intervener in conflict."

Administration

WCA County Ambassador

Program (CAP) I along with County Board Chair, County Administrator and HHS Director participated in Madison for the WCA CAP Day. The team had the opportunity to meet with state elected officials and their staff, and discussed the positive impacts Green Lake County government programs and making on citizens.



Green Lake County CAP Team meeting with Rep. Ballweg

Hiring summer intern: We are in the recruitment phase of hiring the summer intern. Interviews are tentatively planned for mid-May.

Staffing transitions I invested time during the reporting period overseeing staffing transitions in the office. At present I have reached out to a number of neighboring agriculture agents seeking coverage. Furthermore, I am drawing upon my own horticulture background and have fielded some questions from the public.

Fair Promotions Committee During the reporting period, I've worked with the Fair Promotions Committee and Kathy to develop community connections between the committee and community partners.

Out of County Days

- 1.0 WCA Ambassador Program, Madison, WI
- 2.0 Joint Council of Extension Professionals Meeting, Eau Claire, WI
- 0.5 TREDC Planning Meeting, Wautoma, WI
- 0.5 ICC Meeting, Juneau, WI

Planned out-of-county days for next month.

- 1.0 Agriculture Specialization meeting, Stevens Point, WI

Princeton – We had two successful fundraisers in the month of April for our library expansion project: a brat fry and wine tasting night. In addition to these we met the Princeton Chamber's Matching Challenge of \$5,000. We are at \$350,000 half way to our goal of \$700,000 before spring of next year. On May 21 we have a Spring Tea, a collaboration with Once in a Blue Moon. [Ladies of all ages are welcome to join us for our wonderful afternoon of tea festivities.](#) Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children.,

Programming wise, we celebrated Poetry last month, and are working on bikes and cutting our cable bill this month. The library is also doing an extensive weed, getting ready for the Friends Book and Bake Sale on May 13. Circulation and program attendance continue to do well over last year's.

Finally this is the last month of calm before the busy-ness of the Summer Reading Program. We will have a special performance at the library at least one a week for seven weeks.



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Program Highlights

Green Lake County 4-H Dog Project

I attended the Green Lake County 4-H Dog project orientation meeting on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at the Green Lake County Government Center. In addition to providing youth participants and their parents with important information about the upcoming training sessions, the group passed a budget, elected board members and distributed the Green Lake County 4-H Dog Project handbook.



Communication Arts Day

I assisted with the coordination and implementation of Communication Arts Day which was held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 and had 13 participants.

- Youth who participate in the Foods Revue prepare of a menu, learn about all the food groups, coordinate a place setting and serve one special dish for a judge.
- Demonstrations give the participants the opportunity to gain self-confidence and public speaking skills while allowing them to teach others.
- The Clothing Preview asks young people to model the garments the members have made. Along with the judging of their garments appearance, including grooming, fit, selection, construction, accessories and pressing.



Clothing Preview
Anna Hibicki



Demonstration Day
Calob Congdon



Foods Review
Drew Muehlenhaupt

Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association

Organized at the county level, the 4-H Leader Organization works closely with the 4-H Youth Development Educator. The organization brings together volunteers to serve as a venue for volunteer leader training and an organizing mechanism in providing volunteer and financial support for county level educational opportunities for 4-H members and 4-H volunteers. I attended the Green Lake County 4-H Leaders' Association on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Green Lake County Livestock Committee

The Green Lake County Livestock Committee offers young people many different types of opportunities to learn about beef, sheep, swine, rabbits, poultry and dairy. These opportunities include quarterly meetings, clinics, educational sessions and the Livestock Auction at the Green Lake County Fair. I attended the Livestock Council meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 where agenda items included member requirements and the location of the 2017 Livestock Auction. In addition, Youth Board members Cole Chapman and Cody Merrill gave a presentation on building positive relationships with potential buyers.

Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors

As part of their effort to serve the community, the Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors developed and delivered a recycling program to kindergarten classes at both Markesan Elementary School and Clay Lamberton Elementary School in Berlin. The program featured the reading of the story Michael Recycle that highlights a young superhero who has the power to teach people about recycling, a demonstration on what can and cannot be recycled and a game where students got to test their recycling knowledge. The Green Lake County 4-H Ambassadors presented to eight different classrooms and reached over 150 students.



Did you know... Volunteer Background Check Changes

In accordance with UW Regent Policy #20-19 and UW Extension Criminal Background Check policy, 4-H Youth Development is now required to conduct a national criminal background check for volunteers holding a “position of trust with access to vulnerable populations”. Volunteers holding a position of trust with access to vulnerable populations shall be subject to a criminal background check every four years during volunteer service and shall be required to self-disclose certain criminal offenses. Under the old policy, each county was responsible for conducting a state background check and was also responsible for paying for these checks. Under the new “national” background check system, the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension will pay for the background checks.

Days Outside Green Lake County

May 4, 2017	Integration Work Group	Madison
May 11, 2017	Integration Work Group	Madison
May 18, 2017	Integration Work Group	Madison
May 25, 2017	Integration Work Group	Madison



Fond du Lac and Green Lake Counties

Amanda Miller (FoodWise Coordinator) continues to work with the state office regarding details to hire a new Nutrition Educator (previously held by retiree, Kris Schaeffer) for the Fond du Lac/Green Lake FoodWise program. All new updates will be shared.

It is budget planning season for the FoodWise program. The program brings approximately \$175,000 (including staff, supplies, travel and services) into both Fond du Lac and Green Lake Counties on an annual basis. Amanda Miller is currently meeting with community and agency partners to help inform the planning of the 2018 program budget (September 2017-October 2018.) General feedback from all partners is positive and that they would like to continue programming with FoodWise. Budget plans were due to the state office on April 30th.

During the 2016-2017 school year, FoodWise offered a 6 session series to 2nd and 4th grade classrooms (9 total) at Clay Lambertson Elementary School. The children learned the importance of eating the five food groups, increasing physical activity, healthy beverages, label reading and hand washing. There was a coordinated effort between Clay Lambertson administration, food service workers and FoodWise to offer fruit and vegetable taste tests to all students at each class. Quarterly newsletters were distributed to parents to compliment the nutrition messages offered to the students.

A follow-up evaluation was provided to each teacher. The results indicated the following:

- 63% of teachers observed or heard comments from students about changes made in the variety and amount of vegetables eaten at home or school.
- 50% of teachers observed or heard comments from students about changes made in the variety and amount of fruits eaten at home or school.
- 81% observed students eating more fruits and vegetables at school.
- 44% observed more students washing their hands for 20 seconds.
- 30% observed more students reading labels on snack foods.

Teachers were asked "Please share student behavior changes you observed or comments you have heard from parents/caregivers about student or family behavior that have been attributed to FoodWise lessons."

- The students will frequently point out the whole grain label whenever they see it on a package, or will tell me they ate a whole grain breakfast. At one point, it was almost a "competition" to see whose package had a higher number on the whole grain stamp.

Teachers were asked "Please share any of your behavior changes you have made (as a teacher) since WNEP has been offered in your classroom."

- I encourage the students to try the fruits and vegetables provided each day. They are even more positive about trying something new and have found that they really like the things they are trying.
- I have begun to drink more water myself.
- We are more focused on hand washing before our snacks and lunch. I give reminders about the lesson on hand washing and how we missed places (on our hands).
- I reinforce bringing a healthy snack and healthy treats for holiday parties!

- My students have been reading labels on their breakfast foods and commenting on the amount of sugar and sodium and whether or not the produce has the 'whole gran' label or not.

FoodWise provides nutrition education to schools with a free/reduced lunch eligibility of 50% or higher. Currently, Clay Lamberton's eligibility rate is at 53%.

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FoodWise is funded by the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP. SNAP/FoodShare helps families buy the food they need for good health. Visit access.wi.gov to learn how to apply for food assistance or call 1-888-446-1239 (Fond du Lac) or 1-888-256-4563 (Green Lake) or go to <http://access.wisconsin.gov>