

MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COUNCIL

March 10, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Iowa County Extension Council was held on February 9, 2016, at the extension office in Williamsburg, Ia. The meeting was called to order by Colleen Conrad at 6:30 p.m. with the following members attending: Russ Collingwood, Jim Yenter, Brent Ness, Colleen Conrad, Sean Wetjen, Leo Rudolphi, Erin Meyer Absent: Joe Semler, Brad Glandorf Others: Gene Mohling, Mary Veatch

Brent Ness moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016. 2nd by Jim Yenter Carried unanimously

Update on Robotics Club/Product Development

Global Innovation Award – award for product development, highlight program, for “competitive landscape, initial IP review as well as considerations to development, materials, and analysis of cost/value relationship.” Develop and promote good stories around FLL and team advancement, user testing, design purposes, communication with grantor and Extension is needed. Extension share serve as the fiscal agent until the funds are spent.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report balance of \$125,945.64 in MM, \$50 in the Cash Box and \$10,625.56 in checking was made by Russell Collingwood. 2nd by Sean Wetjen. Carried unanimously.

Erin Meyer **moved to approve checks 11622-11648 plus EFT's.** 2nd by Russell Collingwood. Carried unanimously.

Sean Wetjen moved to approve Todd Stevenson and Jason Stubblefield as volunteers. 2nd by Brent Ness. Carried unanimously

Program Update

- 4-H Fruit Sales Gross Sales: \$24,637 (1251 Boxes) Profits: Club- \$4256.40 Extension- \$3129.45
- Fitting Clinic- Full 20 Calves April 1st – 3rd, Marengo 18 Families: Iowa, Benton, Cedar, Johnson, Washington, Wright
- Workshops Swine- Mon. April 28th- ISU Rabbit- Sat. April 9th – Marengo Poultry- Sat. April 16- Marengo

County Fair Update changes – all livestock arrive by 2 p.m. Wednesday, weigh-in starts at 4 p.m.; horse show moves to Thursday evening; non-livestock projects are released Saturday evening. Livestock released 6 p.m. Sunday.

Program Assistant Position - Marry Veatch shared draft job descriptions for the full time outreach educator position. The other 2 descriptions included the administrative assistant and CEED vacancy. Goal is to advertise the educator position by 1st part of April and hire/onboard by June 1. Wage range may be set at the April meeting.

Bathroom/Facility Repairs Update – Mary reported on the bathroom upgrades and costs.

Apartment Lease/Storage/Utilities – following discussion for use of the 2nd floor. Russell Collingwood moved to terminate the tenant lease effective April 15, remove appliances and carpet shortly after April 15. 2nd by Leo Rudolphi Carried unanimously.

Schedule Performance Reviews with Council – Mary will contact Colleen, Brent, Erin for scheduling performance reviews.

Legislative Demographic Summaries - Gene shared Senate and House summaries for each of the state legislators serving Iowa County.

IACEC Legislative Day – <http://www.iacec.info/News/>

Jim Yenter **moved to adjourn.** 2nd by Leo Rudolphi. Carried unanimously.

Erin Meyer, Secretary