

# Vernon County Agricultural and Extension Education Committee

## *Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2017* *11:00 a.m. – UW-Extension Conference Room*

Chairman Kevin Larson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Land Conservation Conference Room. Present were: Larson, Mitchell, Easterday, Ofte, Lenzendorf, Cook-Fuglsang and Traastad.

The public meeting notice was e-mailed to the Vernon County Broadcaster and Vernon County Computer Department and faxed to the County Clerk on April 3, 2017.

Ofte moved Easterday seconded, to approve the minutes as printed. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting date for the committee is set for May 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the UW-Extension Conference Room.

No visitors from the public were in attendance.

February/March 2017 Educator's Highlights were given for brief review by committee. No questions or discussion held.

Easterday moved, Ofte seconded to approve the March 2017 Office Operation expenses of \$5,909.96. **Motion carried.**

Mitchell moved, Easterday seconded to approve the March 2017 Teen Court expenses of \$757.98. **Motion carried.**

Ted Bay, Crops and Farm Management Agent for Grant and Lafayette Counties, briefly described the Cover Crops Conservation Project he will be working on in Vernon County. He will be working with Ben Wojahn, Land and Water Conservation department. The project assists farmers in Crawford and Vernon County in the Kickapoo Watershed with adoption of conservation practices with special emphasis on the use of cover crops.

Sonya presented information on her FoodWise Coordinator duties. She will serve as Coordinator for the FoodWise program in Richland County. She will be hiring and training a new educator for Richland County as well as develop next year's educational program for that county.

Colleen is presenting a workshop at the National Volunteerism Conference in North Carolina.

Traastad shared and discussed the development of the 2016-2018 Plan of Work for the Vernon County Family Living program. Using national, state and county census demographics, along with survey and focus group data from the 2015 COMPASS report, a program outline was developed.

The Plan of Work describes three major focuses that will be developed. They are: Program Review and Development, Healthy Living, and Family Financial Education. The plan outlines a situation statement, intended outcome, implementation plan, and evaluation plan for each of the three focuses.

Traastad has served on the regional Great Rivers United Way committees that compiled the 2007, 2012 and 2015 COMPASS Needs Assessment Reports. Traastad, along with Beth Johnson, Health Department, currently serve on the new 2018 Needs Assessment Process Committee for United Way.

Easterday moved, Ofte seconded to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

**Minutes submitted by: Karen Ehle-Traastad**