

Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 17th 2017
Dodge County Administration Building
Juneau, Wisconsin

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Kottke, Chairman at 9:32 a.m.

Attendance:

See attached attendance sheet

The requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.

The agenda was approved motion 1st Columbia County- 2nd Green Lake

The minutes were approved motion 1st Marquette County - 2nd Columbia County

Legislative Report: Mark Born

Discussion on County Issues: No

Presentation Given by: David Berard, Assistant Dean of Northern Area & Matt Hanson, Assistant Dean of the Southern Area.

- \$3.6 million statewide budget cut
- 22 area directors that will be hired – truly be saving us money?
- More money on administration and face a bigger cut on program side
- Are directors will take the place of 97 people who have bits/pieces of administrative roles at the local level
- Goal is area directors to take on administrative tasks that generally fall to the educators thus, freeing up the local extension staff to work on more programming
- 22 areas, four are composed of a single, populous county (Brown, Dane, Milwaukee and Waukesha)
- Columbia, Sauk & Dodge comprise area 16
- Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara, Adams, & Juneau Counties area 14
- Jefferson, Rock & Walworth is area 19.
- All ICC Counties are in the southern area where Matt Hanson is the assistant dean.
- Berard stated the assistant deans and area directors will work together to ensure, to the extent possible that each county Extension office has the services and programs that local residents and officials want most.
- Berard stated the primary goal “is to ensure that the programming is delivered at the local level, within the financial constraints that affects us all.”
- Concerns regarding day to day operations for support staff if area directors are not in the office every day.
- Concerns regarding technology, including whether the state would make specific software available to counties that don’t have it yet, to allow them to communicate with Extension regionally and statewide.

- Questions asked whether, counties with vacant Extension positions should fill open positions?

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 by the Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Glenna Vilmin
UW-Extension, Dodge County