

**Green County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
April 8, 2026, MINUTES**

The April 8, 2026, meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 8:04 am by the Ag & Extension Chair, Erica Roth. The meeting voucher was circulated for signatures.

Members present were: Susan Knox, Peg Sheaffer, Erica Roth, and Yvette Smith. Dawn Sass was excused.

Also present—Samantha Wileman, Extension Business Manager; Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator; and Bob Wiegel, Human Development & Relationships Educator.

Public Comment – No public comments were presented.

Green County Educator Reports--Written Report for Educators: Written Educator Reports were reviewed. Questions regarding the avian flu were presented.

Green County Educator Report – Bob Wiegel, Human Development & Relationships Educator: Bob Wiegel gave an update of his recent programming he has been working on over the fall and winter. He has been working primarily on virtual classes and peer groups including Focus on Fathers and Encouraging Financial Conversations. Wiegel presented at the Monticello School District Career Fair, and has recently been visiting local libraries to offer programs in various Green County communities. He is working on offering Scam & Identity Theft Protection programs, and more Financial Coaching at the Green County Jail.

Bob has continued his programming at the Green County Jail and offered Re-Entry Ready & Rent Smart to two participants who fully completed both courses this spring. Both participants have secured employment and one has secured housing for when they are released.

In the coming months, Bob will be attending institute meetings in Madison, and looking to program with Green County Family Promise.

Minutes Approval: Knox moved to approve the March 2026 Ag & Extension committee meeting minutes and Roth seconded. Motion passed.

Bill Approval: Smith moved to approve the March EFT payments of \$451.11 and the March presented check payments of \$960.70, seconded by Sheaffer. Motion passed. Roth abstained from approving the EFT Payments.

Area Extension Director Updates: **Area 15 Staffing Update** – No staffing update was presented.

County Official Workshops (C.O.W.s) – Dodgeville, Friday, May 15 – The Ag & Extension Committee was notified of a date change to Monday, May 11 in Dodgeville. Committee members should notify Perkins or Wileman if interested in attending.

Business Manager Updates

Sheriff/Jail/Justice Center Project Updates – Wileman presented at the last Property Committee meeting to present the letter to potentially obtain more office space that is currently occupied by the Detectives Office. The Property Committee did not approve or deny this request, but asked Extension to look at potential other offices or to swap with another department. The Extension team is concerned that no other office will accommodate us and our need for storing supplies and equipment.

During construction of the new Sheriff's Office and Jail, there will be limited parking meaning some employees and clientele will need to park across the street in the neighborhood. There are no crosswalks or sidewalks in that neighborhood, so it may be dangerous for employees or clientele to get access to the building.

Hybrid Schedule Update – Wileman presented some changes to the current hybrid schedule and gave an update of how it has been working in the office currently. The Committee was okay with these changes, but if there are any staffing changes in the office, would like to revisit the policy.

Tractor Safety Kits – Wileman has not received a total from Blackhawk Technical College. She will purchase them in the next month once told a total.

Other Business: No other business was presented.

Next meeting: Wednesday—May 6, 2026, at 8:00am.

Motion by Sheaffer, second by Knox to adjourn at 8:55 am. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Smith/Wileman.

APPROVED