

FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - 3 APRIL 2020, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR JENNIFER WATERS

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 1

COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 0

SCHOOLS – *Nauvoo-Colusa Middle School

COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS –

*Virtual Meeting to Complete IFGA Budget

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – 0

PARTICIPANTS – 0

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 10

Section 11 Zoom Virtual Meeting, Conference Call

Ag Ed State Staff Weekly Meeting Conference Calls (4)

FCAE/ISBE Meeting Conference Call

FCAE STAY Professional Learning and Meeting Conference Call with Rachel Hawk, Farm Credit Illinois

ACTE State of Ag Education Conference Call

FCAE Greenhouse Sales Best Practices Conference Call

IL FFA Agriscience Fair Written Report Conference Call with Dr. Erica Thieman & Nick Wherley

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto: 0

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 15

Communicated with District 3 Ag Literacy Coordinators Regarding Potential Meeting

Reviewed Course Enrollments, Contacted Teachers, and Made Adjustments and Notes As Needed

Assisted Teachers and Students with IL FFA Agriscience Fair Written Report Submissions

Developed Form for IL FFA Agriscience Fair Written Report Submissions and Updated Links on Website

Provided MOU for Program Start Up to Hamilton High School and Quincy Jr. High School

Communicated with EFE System Directors Regarding Courses Improperly Coded in SIS

Communicated with Programs Regarding Vacancy Postings

Answered Questions Regarding Ag Incentive Funding Grant / 3 Circles / National Chapter Award

Updated Supply & Demand Document Along with IL Ag Ed Website Vacancy/Candidate Pages

Developed Earth Day Video Clip for Illinois Ag in the Classroom

Corresponded with National FFA Organization About IL FFA Agriscience Fair Categories of Question

Provided IL FFA Proficiency Award Practice Conference Calls

Assisted as Virtual Room Host for State FFA Proficiency Award Judging

Viewed and Asked Questions for Weekly Facebook Live Career Corner Chats

Participated in Weekly Ag Ed State Staff Ag Teacher Conference Call Chats with Ag Teachers

VI. COMMENTARY

While I always plan for a bit of office time in the month of April to complete projects, I never quite plan for an entire month. Challenges have been many this month as we all transition into new settings and norms for our homes, schools and programs. However, there have been positives as well that have come with the increased communication with teachers daily, the format changes to the IL FFA Agriscience Fair that reflect that National FFA processes and the increased communication between IL FFA State Staff members. As we head into the month of May, I hope we are able to provide greater clarification for teachers regarding grants, conferences, conventions and planning for the 2020-2021 school year.