

AGENDA - REVISED
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, DECEMBER 4, 2019
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the November 6, 2019 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Dog Damage Claims
7. Educators Reports – Written/Discussion
8. Department Head/Area Director Report – Rob Burke
 - a. Space study options – Discussion
 - b. Door County Ag Position Opening – Update on refilling process
9. Travel requests (if any)
10. Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates.
11. Adjourn

The Committee welcomes all visitors to listen and observe, but only Committee members and those invited to speak will be permitted to do so. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to attend or participate should contact the County Administrator's Office at (920) 388-7164 prior to the meeting so that accommodations may be arranged.

A majority of the members of the County Board of Supervisors or any of its committees including:

Finance & Public Property, Personnel, Advisory & Legislative, Health, Child Support, & Veterans Service, Human Services, Aging Services Unit Advisory, Extension Education, County Farm, & Zoning, Law Enforcement & Emergency Management, Land & Water Conservation, Highway & Solid Waste, Promotion & Recreation, and others may be present at this meeting to listen, observe, and participate. If a majority of any such committee is present, their presence constitutes a "meeting" under the Open Meeting Law as interpreted in State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Board, 173 Wis. 2d 553 (1993), even though the visiting body will take no action at this meeting.



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KEWAUNEE COUNTY

Aerica Bjurstrom

Agriculture Agent

Prepared for December 4, 2019

Water Quality Meetings – Attended the Water Policy Summit and Save the Bay meetings, both coordinated by Congressman Gallagher’s office. At the Save the Bay meeting, we focused on what farmers will be challenged with in 2020. The group will continue to collaborate with state and local agencies to provide programs and field days for both farmers and local officials.

Professional Development – The eastern Wisconsin agriculture professional development day was held in Kewaunee County where we visited Pagel’s Ponderosa and learned about their cheese making process, compressed gas facility, and visited with the herd and calf managers. We also visited Alpaca to Apparel and learned about how the owner Ben started with some 4-H project alpacas and turned it into two businesses in Kewaunee and Door counties.

I attended the all program area meeting in Madison where we broke out into our institute areas and sub-program areas (mine is dairy). We worked on developing a work plan for 2020. We will have a follow-up meeting in March to set the budget for 2020-2021.

Dana Farm Project – Progress continues on the Dana Farm project. The old/existing storage sheds on the site have been removed and the site prepped for the new warming building. The ice skating rink area is being prepped for excavation. Because the wet fall caused delays with contractors on other jobs, we are in a “holding pattern” until contractors are available to start our project. The goal is to have the rink up and running this winter, but it is weather dependent. We are working with the Promotion and Recreation Department to keep the project moving along and keeping the tourism director in the loop so we can make relevant announcements as they are available.

Program Planning – I’ve been working on program planning for 2020 and have several local meetings planned. Meetings planned for 2020 are: Youth Beef Project Meeting (Jan 15), CAFO Meeting (Jan 29), Supporting Farmers During Difficult Times (Jan 31), Pesticide Applicator Training (Feb 4), Dairy and Beef Well-Being Conference (Feb 21), Preparing for 2020: A forage and soil quality meeting (February 27), Youth Quality Assurance (March 6), Market Cow Meeting (March 10 or 11). I am also planning 2-3 manure haulers meetings with Kevin Erb, but those dates are not set yet. One of the meetings will be presented in Spanish, so I am working with the Extension Language Services department to work out the details. Annie Deutsch, Door County Ag Agent will be leaving her position at the end of December, so I will also be covering her work until a new person is brought on board.



Extension Kewaunee County University of Wisconsin-Madison

Renee Koenig

**Associate Professor, Human Development & Relationships Educator
Report for December 2019**

Family Caregivers - Research estimates from the state aging office indicate that 1 out of 8 people or 13% of the population provided 490 million hours of family care in the past year. If you attach the medium wage for a caregiver of \$14.10 an hour, that equates to \$6,900 million of donated care by unpaid family caregivers. Care recipients are spouses, parents, in-laws, siblings, or children with various care needs. Family caregivers provide support by driving them to appointments, buying groceries, paying bills, making meals, helping with toileting, cleaning, arranging medications and other needs. Caregivers are at a great risk of burn-out and depression. I am a facilitator of a program for family caregivers called Powerful Tools for Caregivers. The Powerful Tools for Caregivers program teaches the family caregiver who cares for a loved one at home to take care of themselves so that they don't become sick and need care themselves. This six week program can help all of us by saving tax dollars from being needed to support many of our residents in a nursing home or other long-term care facility. I am currently facilitating this program at a church in Kewaunee for caregivers who range in age from 23 to 84 and their care recipients range in age from 3 to 62.

Presentation for Aging Mastery Program - I am leading efforts to reach out to the aging population and presenting the Aging Mastery Program. The program aims to enhance the quality of life of our citizens. Participants in the program learn to make modest lifestyle changes that can produce measurable results and to make the most of navigating longer lives. I am presenting at a community organization in Luxemburg on December 2nd which serves more than forty individuals over the age of 60 on a weekly basis.

Research Presentations - On November 18, I attended and presented at the All Institutes Meeting of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension in Madison. I presented my research on three major educational programs for families including co-parenting, mental health and self-care. The research I presented informs other researchers and educators about the learning outcomes and positive changes that individuals and families are making in their lives as a result of their participation in Extension programs. My presentations included poster sessions that display large posters describing the research and programs. These poster sessions foster opportunities for University colleagues to discuss ideas and strategies for making future impacts on families to improve the quality of life for Wisconsinites.