

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Educators Reports – Written/Discussion
7. Department Head/Area Director Report – Rob Burke
 - a. Educating public and local elected officials on Extension’s work in Kewaunee County.
 - b. Door County Ag Position Opening – Update on refilling process
8. Travel requests (if any)
9. Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates.
10. 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.

MINUTES
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Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to order** at 8:33 AM by Chairman Tom Romdenne
2. **Roll Call** - Committee members present: Tom Romdenne, Mary-Ellen Dobbins, Chuck Wagner. Excused: Gary Paape. Educators present: Aerica Bjurstrom, Jill Jorgensen, Renee Koenig. Also present: Rob Burke, Area Extension Director
3. **Motion by Dobbins, second by Wagner to approve the agenda**, and the minutes of the December 4, 1999 meeting.
4. **Public Input** – None
5. **Dog Damage Claims**: None.
6. **Purchase of laptop in 2019 using year end funds**. Burke reported on the purchase of the much needed laptop in December, 2019. Burke will check with the IT department regarding the regular schedule of computer replacements and upgrades.
7. **Educators Reports** –
Renee Koenig: Reviewed the FoodWise Annual Report. Also reviewed the educator's reporting data including number of contacts.
8. Aerica Bjurstrom: Aerica commented on the ongoing Land Rent Survey. Results will be available and released to the public in March 2020.
Jill Jorgensen: Focused her discussion of the written report on her 4-H Leader Training activities and ongoing professional development steps she is taking.
9. **Department Head/Area Director Report-**
 - a. Burke reported on efforts to educate public officials and the general public in Kewaunee on the work that Extension does in Kewaunee County. Burke will make a presentation at the county unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association meeting February 17 in West Kewaunee. Burke will also contact Al Rheinhardt in Algoma to discuss potential and possibilities of utilizing community television.
10. Next meeting dates February 12, and March 10, 2020 at 8:30 am.
11. **Call to adjourn by Dobbins, second by Wagner all aye**. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Burke

January 8, 2020



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Aerica Bjurstrom

Agriculture Agent

Prepared for February 12, 2020

Dana Farm Project – The Dana Farm sub-committee met in January. Due to weather delays, the project was delayed. Plans do continue as we work on finishing details and ice-skating rink location. As soon as the weather improves for laying concrete, the project is scheduled to start.

CAFO Update Meeting – Every January an update meeting is held for CAFO owners/managers/agribusiness professionals. Due to the large attendance at the Green Bay location in past years, a Luxemburg location was added this year. The meeting is held in cooperation with the DNR. Topics included new policies and report submission, facility evaluation, tips for managing nutrients, understanding geology and water under the farm, and management changes to widen manure application. Meetings are held in Green Bay, Luxemburg, Manitowoc, New London, Fond du Lac, Dodgeville, Marshfield, Eau Claire, and Jefferson. Approximately 40 people attended the Luxemburg meeting.

Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times – Marinette, Brown, Shawano, Outagamie and Kewaunee Counties hosted a Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times meeting in Green Bay, which focused on hardening your business (understanding your cost of production), climate change and how it impacts farmers now and in the future, and also featured a farmer panel of former dairy farmers who recently exited the business. The panel focused on what was the turning point when they decided to exit the business, what they are doing now, how they coped with the emotions of quitting farming, and what they plan to do in the future. The meeting was held twice in one day, with the morning session for agribusiness professionals, and the afternoon for farmers.

Youth Beef Project Meeting – The 4-H beef project has a new key leader, so I have been helping her with beef meeting content for the project members. I presented at an animal selection meeting last fall, and in January, I presented a program to about 30 project members on what the judge is looking for, trends in beef showing, meat quality, and meat cut identification. The group consisted of about 25 4-H members and five FFA project members. I had a youth project member help present some of the content I prepared. The group had a great discussion and had the opportunity to identify some beef cuts based on shape, size, muscle type, and bone structure. I have presented a similar program to Door, Oconto, Brown, and will be holding on in Winnebago County in March.



Planning/Other Events – I submitted my 18-month plan of work for my primary programming (Dairy) and secondary programming (Livestock). Projects and committees I am working on for spring events are: Dairy Workers' Training Revision, Market Cow Project, Wisconsin Dairy and Beef Well-Being Conference (February 21), Preparing for 2020 (February 27), Dairy/Beef Meeting (April 3), Clean Sweep (May 9), Conservation Day (May 13), Blue Ribbon Show Camp (May 16), Rural Safety Day (May 20).



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Renee Koenig
Associate Professor, Human Development and Relationships Educator
Report for February 2020

Credit Check Campaign - Federal law gives everyone the right to request three free credit reports each year. Individuals can request one free report each from the three credit bureaus. The “Check Your Free Credit Report: 2/2, 6/6, 10/10” campaign from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension wants to make it easier to remember to order those free credit reports. Anyone can sign up to receive an email reminder from Extension three times a year—on 2/2, 6/6, and 10/10—on the campaign’s website: fyi.extension.wisc.edu/creditreport. More than 1000 Wisconsinites across Wisconsin have already signed up for email reminders. We know the added nudge from the reminder emails helps people to follow through on ordering their free credit report. Extension also offers consumers options to improve their credit report and score <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/creditreport/links/>. I work with Erin Dahle in our office to make several media outreach opportunities for families to learn about this important financial education resource.

Tax Credit Information – Low and moderate income Wisconsin residents can take advantage of a variety of tax credits. These credits can bring thousands of extra dollars to individuals and families, but an estimated 20% of people who are eligible for these tax credits **fail to claim** them every year. Extension offers easy to use information to help families get started with claiming tax credits <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/eitc/how-to-claim-tax-credits/>.

Spice Up Winter Food Drive – I am working with the Kewaunee County Association for Home and Community Education to collect donations of spices and cooking oils for the local food pantries. Meals have more flavor when you cook with spices, vinegar and oil, so we’re helping families by donating these essential but costly items.

Aging Mastery Program – On January 23rd, I presented to the University Extension Institute for Human Development and Relationships on my work involving the Aging Mastery Program. I am one of two faculty in Wisconsin leading efforts to expand this evidence-based program. I am leading the third series of the program in Luxemburg in March. My relationships with community agencies and local sponsors are important for keeping the cost of the program feasible.

Positive Parenting – Kewaunee County averages 201 births per year. I send a letter to every family to congratulate them on their new baby and to offer Extension resources to promote healthy parenting practices. The parents receive our [Just In Time parenting newsletters](#) which are based on research and available electronically and in Spanish. This educational resource is important for families and each issue includes strategies for coping with the challenges of raising children.