

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, July 3, 2019
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2019
5. Citizen Input
6. Educators Reports – Written
7. Department Head/Area Director Report – Rob Burke
 - a. Merger with UW-Madison official effective July 1, 2019
 - b. Discuss Date/Time of Joint Door/Kewaunee County Extension Committee meeting.
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.

Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for July 3, 2019

Crop and Forage Field Day – Co-hosted a crops and forage meeting with Door County. The meeting was planned in February with the anticipation we would be able to access fields mid-June near the meeting location, but due to the very wet and cold spring, crops were just planted (or not yet planted) and hay had recently been harvested. The meeting ended up being inside all day, but still successful and informative. We had 18 people attend and four continuing education credits were offered for Certified Crop Advisors. I presented on alfalfa research, Richard Halopka from Clark County presented on forages, Annie Deutsch and Jamie Patton presented on their cover crop research in Door County, and Joe Lauer and Shawn Conley from UW-Madison presented on corn and soybeans. The meeting was very timely since news on preventive plant came out that same week and that gave our meeting attendees the opportunity to learn about the cover crop policies directly from UW-Madison crop specialists.

Goat AI Clinic – Hosted a goat AI clinic with two other counties (Marquette and Calumet). This is the third time I have hosted a goat AI clinic in Wisconsin and this year a small work group decided it would work best to split up the work of hosting the meeting. The meeting requires a lot of resources and planning, so working as a team made the work load easier and more efficient. The meeting was held at the Fond du Lac County Fair Grounds because of its proximity to major highways and the Milwaukee airport. The instructor of the course lives in Idaho, so travel is a major expense in the budget. Class registration is capped at 14, and we had 13 sign up, so it was a great sized class this year. Class attendees came from 10 different Wisconsin Counties and as far away as Bloomington, IL. We are already planning our next AI Clinic for 2020 because there is so much interest in learning this skill in Wisconsin. Wisconsin is home to more dairy goats than any other state, so it is a class in high demand.

Alfalfa Persistency Project – I have three farms enrolled in the Alfalfa Persistency project this year. The project is designed to follow a field from its first year of production until it is taken out of the crop rotation, which is usually 3-5 years. Participating farms collect samples from one field as it is coming off the field and freeze them until I pick them up and ship them to the University of Wisconsin Marshfield Agriculture Research Station. Samples are evaluated and results are sent back to me, and I send them to the farmer. Farmers also provide me with the cut and harvest date and total tonnage off the field. At the end of the season, a summary report is written and shared with all participating farms. Approximately 20-30 farms participate in Wisconsin on a yearly basis. I have had participating farms in the project since 2012.

Dairy Program Manager – Served on a search and screen committee to hire the new dairy program manager. Within each institute, there are sub-programs each with their own manager. I served on a committee with an extension specialist, and two industry representatives to interview and select the manager from a list of candidates. The new manager will begin their role mid to late summer.

Nuclear Exercise – Participated in the nuclear exercise and drill in June for Point Beach. I am the agriculture lead and have invited Annie Deutsch from Door County to participate with me. She will continue to participate in future events with Kate Nelson from Land & Water Conservation.

Dairy Promotion Events – I was honored to co-introduce the Dairy Promotion Volunteer of the Year at the June Dairy Month Kick-off Breakfast, Andy Barta. As a member of the dairy promotion committee, I served as a tour guide at Breakfast on the Farm, where 4,000 people toured Kinnard Farms on Father's Day. Over 5,800 people were served breakfast at the event.

Kewaunee County Extension Education Committee
Renee Koenig
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Report for July 2019

Leadership to Extend University Research to Communities – I have several leadership roles in the University that I don't usually list in my monthly reports to this committee. In the past few months, my leadership responsibilities have consumed a much larger portion of my time due to Extension's transition to UW-Madison. Over the past six years, I have voluntarily agreed to take on these additional responsibilities above and beyond my regular commitments in order to assist the University with the re-organization process. I will summarize a few of these responsibilities in this report. First, I am the Chair of the Search & Screen Committee and I am responsible for all aspects of hiring candidates who will focus on the quality of life and family needs across the life span, particularly for our aging population. Second, I am a Vice Chair for the Department of Family Development (24 members) which is currently merging with several other University Faculty Departments and I am leading efforts to ensure our faculty members retain positions of leadership so that our faculty policies (which in some cases were developed decades ago) are relevant and withholding. Third, I am a program team leader for parenting education programs and I mentor and train new colleagues as they are hired in Extension offices throughout the state. I also have several roles in conducting relevant research that strengthens families such as being the Principal Investigator (PI) of research studies and adhering to protocol of the Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Human Development & Relationships – In this report, I will briefly explain the Institute that I am a part of in our new organizational structure at UW-Madison Division of Extension. The Human Development & Relationships Institute supports families and communities through programming that encourages growth and understanding in the digital age. As a source of well-researched information on topics related to parenting, family relationships, child development, aging, housing and financial security, we provide positive and powerful training and tools that strengthen family bonds and enhance financial competence. The educational programs I am providing in Kewaunee County include:

- Parenting Education: Parenting the First Years, Parenting the Preschooler, Raising Caring Kids, Digital Parenting, Emotion Coaching, Home Alone Safety, Interactive Reading
- Family Relationships: Fatherhood, Family Caregiving, Co-parenting
- Health Literacy: Emotional Wellbeing, Taking Care of You, Trauma Informed Caregiving, Aging Mastery, Youth Mental Health First Aid, Community Connections
- Home and Community Education (HCE): educational program planning, organizational advisor

Recording Results – In June, the University collects data and reports from county-based educators on our outreach efforts and program successes. I completed my reports and entered the required demographic data about my class participants into the computer system that collects this information.