

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
County Board Room
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, July 1, 2020
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the June 3, 2020 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Educators Reports – Written/Narrative/Q/A (VIA REMOTE/ZOOM)
 - a. USDA food distribution FoodWise programming
7. Department Head/Area Director Report – Rob Burke
 - a. Extension Updates and Developments
 - b. Joint Meeting with Door County
8. Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates.
9. 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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Wednesday, June 3, 2020 - 8:30 AM

Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to order** at 8:32 AM by Chairman Tom Romdenne
2. **Roll Call** - Committee members present: Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Matt Piesler. Excused; Chuck Wagner. Also present: Rob Burke, Area Extension Director. Educators present (via Zoom): Aerica Bjurstrom, Jill Jorgensen, Renee Koenig. Public Access: Remote via internet channel.
3. **Motion by Paape, second by Piesler to approve the agenda and minutes of May 6, 2020.** All aye, carried.
4. **Public Input** – None
5. **Elect Vice Chair for the Extension Committee:** Matt Piesler nominated Gary Paape. Chairman Romdenne called three times for additional nominations. Call for nominations to close and a unanimous ballot be cast for Gary Paape to serve as Vice Chair. All aye. Motion Carried.
6. **Educators Reports** –

Renee Koenig: Question by Paape regarding the outcome of the USDA Farmers to Families food deliveries to pantries and others in Kewaunee County. Renee elaborated on the distribution process. Burke noted he would invite the regional FoodWise Coordinator to present to the committee at our next meeting.

Aerica Bjurstrom: In response to a question by Paape, Aerica noted she will be sending a copy of ag facilities rental survey to all members of the County Board.

Jill Jorgensen: Committee discussed alternative activities and programs that may benefit young people and 4-H's in Kewaunee county. Also reported livestock shows may be held statewide developed by a private non-profit entity, Extension is reviewing their options for authorizing our 4-H youth to participate. There are questions of participants' risk and liability that Extension needs to account for.

7. Department Head/Area Director Report-

- a. Burke reported that all functions of the Extension Office and Educators are continuing. University directives to all faculty and staff require tele-working of all but the most essential employees (example were employees to maintain experimental materials/animals/plants).
 - b. Burke reviewed the refilling of open positions in light of Extension being under a hiring freeze.
8. Next meeting dates July 1 8:30 a.m.(Matt Piesler is Excused from the July 1 meeting); August 5, September 2, and the proposed joint meeting on Thursday, September 10 1PM
 9. **Call to adjourn by Matt, second by Gary, all aye.** Meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Burke

June 3, 2020



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Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for July 1, 2020

UW-Madison continues to require Extension personnel to work from home, so my methods of reaching my audience has changed to exclusively online for the foreseeable future. Extension professionals are not to meet with any clients in person and must adhere strictly to the UW-Madison's quarantine guidelines. The Zoom online meeting platform is UW-Madison's preferred method of communication, therefore anytime "Zoom" is referenced in this report, it means it was an online video meeting.

- Weekly Zoom with the Dean of Extension
- Weekly Zoom with Area 12 (Door, Kewaunee)
- Monthly Emergency Operations Center Brief
- Monthly program planning Zoom (Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times)
- Every other week Dairy Workers' Training Workgroup Zoom
- Every other week Zoom updates and correspondence with program area
- Monthly Master Gardener Program Zoom
- June-July program planning: Beat the Heat fact sheet/webinar series, Dairy-Beef Cross Fact Sheet/Webinar series

Reporting – Extension educators need to report weekly on work they've been doing, plus COVID-19-specific work. I spend approximately 1-3 hours a week working on reporting into the Extension's online system. I also report weekly to the USDA on the crop progress report.

Forage Programming – I finished the scissor clips project the first week of June and began the alfalfa persistency project. I am collecting alfalfa samples from two farms throughout the summer. One farm is continuing the project from last year, and one is a new enrollee. I will collect at least four samples from the farms and send them to the forage lab. All results will be compiled into a final report at the end of the year with samples from around the state. This is the 14th year of the project and I have contributed to it since 2012.

Dairy Workers' Training revision – The Dairy Workers' Training series of learning modules are being revamped to include a new look, material, and videos. I am working with a small subgroup focusing on Cattle Handling. I originally wrote the module in 2008, and am working now with the Animal Well Being Specialist and another county agent to revise and update the module. Once travel and on-farm bans are lifted, we will work with a Kewaunee County farm to film the new videos that will be included in the revised module.

Media and social media program promotion – I am working with another county agent to keep the Dairy Team social media account updated with program promotion from around the state. We have developed a consistent look for all COVID-19 posts, program series posts, and we are promoting programs happening in all parts of Wisconsin related to dairy. The increased traffic on the page has increased page followers to over 800.

Farm Meetings – I am beginning farm meetings on a limited basis. I am working with a farm to start the transition process to the next generation, and will continue to help develop a plan and guide the farm family towards transition. All in-person meetings require special permission from the University, so my work at remote locations remains limited.

National Association of County Agriculture Agents – I submitted a media package exhibit to the National Association of County Agriculture Agents award program and I was selected as the Wisconsin winner. My submission moved on for additional judging and was selected as a national finalist. National finalists are required to attend the annual meeting (this year in Virginia Beach, VA), but due to the UW-Madison travel ban, I will not be able to attend the meeting/awards ceremony. I will find out in October if I am a national winner. Most states still have travel bans, so I hope the conference provides a live feed of the ceremony so I can see where I place in the finals.



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Renee Koenig, MS
Associate Professor, Human Development & Relationships Educator
Report for July 2020

Class for Divorcing Parents and Families in Transition - Families experiencing a transition due to divorce, separation or living apart are continuing to enroll in my Parents Forever workshop. Divorcing parents are referred by the courts pursuant to state statutes to attend parenting education programs. I am continuing to adapt the format of my classes to make them engaging and beneficial for the families.

Literacy for Health and Wellbeing - I partnered with bi-lingual nutrition educators to offer outdoor learning opportunities such as reading in the park for summer literacy retention. The stories are paired with nutrition and wellness lessons to keep families active and healthy. I have used storyboards posted along walking paths to promote physical activity while reading. This project is important because early literacy skills are crucial to future learning and workforce development. This project also addresses three of Kewaunee County's major health concerns: obesity, physical inactivity, and social isolation or loneliness. Older adults can participate and benefit from outdoor story walks in addition to younger people. According to research from the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, strategies such as outdoor story walks are scientifically supported to improve these health and literacy concerns.

Raising Preschoolers - Behavior of children is often challenging in the preschool years. Parents and child care providers raise many concerns about teaching young children in their formative years. I have been working with my University colleagues to develop educational aids for parents and caregivers to reference. One of these tools is called "Parenting the Preschooler Fact Sheets". The topics of these fact sheets include: too much screen time, self control, money lessons, routines, sibling rivalry, family stress, responding to scary events, etc. Parents and caregivers can find information about raising children on the Internet that is not always credible so we aim to provide reliable, quality information that is backed by research.

Consumer Protection and Scams - Several new scams have been reported by the Wisconsin Department of Justice this past month. I have been working with our University financial educators to make sure consumers are aware of the scams and what to do if they have been impacted. When you check out our Mindful Money Moments on Facebook, you'll see several videos specific to scams – what are some common scams, how to identify, and where to report.

- Economic relief payment scams:
<https://www.facebook.com/HDRInstitute/videos/1128463167516850/>
- Avoiding coronavirus scams:
<https://www.facebook.com/HDRInstitute/videos/1236510083186148/>

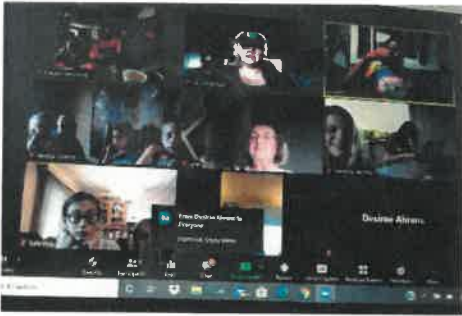


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Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator

June 2020



Virtual County Project and Club Meetings: I continue to facilitate and provide opportunities for club and county projects to meet in virtual settings. There are several projects, clubs, the Leaders Association, and the Teen Association that I have been continuing to meet and provide educational opportunities. The number of groups meeting virtually has continued to increase. As previously mentioned, the directives due to Covid-19 brought an opportunity to collaborate, meet, and teach in different ways. I will continue working with volunteers and community partners to offer meetings and educational experiences for young people and volunteers in Kewaunee County. We also have offered other counties to join our offerings as appropriate.

Virtual Horse Clinics: I partnered with Sara Novotny, a well-regarded horse clinician and judge to provide several virtual clinics hosted by Kewaunee County 4-H. Two more were held in the beginning of June with attendee from Kewaunee County, throughout WI and from neighboring states. While these were intended to provide opportunities for Kewaunee County 4-H members, we opened them to other members across the state. All Some sites also have multiple viewers present. We will look at offering additional clinics throughout the summer as interest continues.

4-H Time and Talent – Social Distance Edition: I worked with the 4-H Time and Talent Raffle committee to create a socially distant plan to hold their annual raffle. This plan had to have a limited number of adult volunteer workers (less than 10) and follow University social distance guidelines – in addition, the plan needed to be approved by Dean Karl Martin. The approved planned allowed the committee to hold the event with the appropriate safety measures in place. Additionally, I created a social media campaign to promote the event, prizes, and procedures. The event held in mid-June was a successful and people readily followed the guidelines set forth by both state and local procedures. This will likely be the only fundraiser the 4-H Leaders Association will be able to hold this year.

Annual Volunteer Training: A small group of colleagues and I are creating the Annual Leader Training for the upcoming year. The training focuses on building youth and adult partnerships (YAP) in 4-H and Youth Development programs. The training will consist of a staff training for colleagues and a main training in Fall that all chartered clubs and projects are required to send adult and youth leaders. Additionally, quarterly activities, podcasts, challenges, and training will take place around YAP. This encourages ongoing learning and keeps the topic front and center for clubs and projects.

Conversations in a Safe Space on Current Events: In light of current events, I spent time in June in two opportunities to reflect on race and U.S. Society. One of the opportunities was working to create a space statewide where 4-H members could come together from throughout the state and have a safe space to connect and have conversations. Staff members were given the opportunity to participate in the opportunity to participate in a session, experience the conversation space, and learn from others. I am reflecting on conversations that can be held locally.