

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Thursday, June 6, 2019
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2019
5. Citizen Input
6. Educators Reports – Written
7. Department Head/Area Director Report
8. Dissolution of WACEC/Creation of WEXA. Review and action: **Consent Resolution of the Members of Associated County Extension Committees, Inc.** (Attached)
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.

**CONSENT RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF
ASSOCIATED COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEES, INC.**

The undersigned, being at least 80% of the members of Associated County Extension Committees, Inc., a Wisconsin non-stock corporation (the "Corporation"), does, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 181.0704 of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby consent to and adopt the following recitals and resolutions:

WHEREAS, the undersigned members desire to dissolve the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Section 181.1401 requires two-thirds of the members of a nonstock corporation to approve dissolution; and

WHEREAS, Section 181.0704 requires 80% of the members of a non-stock corporation to approve a resolution without a meeting; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned members have examined and hereby approve the attached Plan of Dissolution for the Corporation (the "Plan").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plan is hereby adopted and approved in all respects, and that the officers of the Corporation are authorized to perform all acts and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to execute the Plan and to carry out the intent thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Corporation are empowered, authorized and directed to execute and file articles of dissolution with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes, and that the execution thereof by any officer shall be the act and deed of the Corporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of the Corporation are empowered, authorized and directed to carry out the provisions of these resolutions that may be necessary in liquidating and dissolving the Corporation in accordance with the expressed intent of the members hereunder and under the Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors is authorized to adopt any further resolutions that may be necessary in liquidating and dissolving the Corporation.

This consent resolution may be executed in separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all counterparts shall constitute one instrument. Signatures transmitted by facsimile, portable document format (".pdf") or other electronic means shall be deemed to be original signatures for all legal and other purposes.

[Signature page follows.]

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2019.

Signature: _____

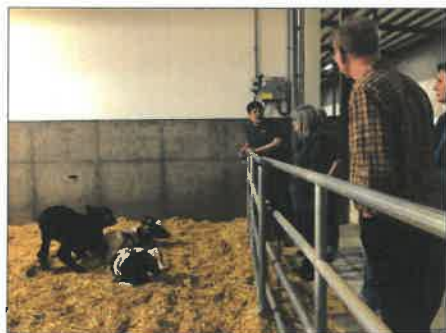
Tom Romdenne, Chairman, Kewaunee County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee

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Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for June 6, 2019

Master Gardener Training – Wrapped up Master Gardener Volunteer training. The course is a 13-week class that started in January and finished in May. The class will produce 8-10 new Master Gardener Volunteers who will in turn for the training provide service/volunteer hours back to the community. The class had a variety of lessons, some of which were taught by guest speakers. Guest speakers included Door County Agriculture Agent Annie Deutsch, Master Gardener Volunteers Tom Zenner and Jan Tess, on-site



guest speakers Nutrient & Pest Management Outreach Specialist Jamie Patton, Lee Kinnard, Sleepy Hollow Farm's Suzi Sevcik, and Bill Roethle from Hillside Apples. I am proud to say some of the connections made through Farm Technology Days allowed me to use resources and local specialists that I wouldn't

have otherwise thought of to utilize. I also used resources that I was already using for another event. Kinnard Farms hosts the soil pit for the annual Conservation Day Tour, so in an effort to best use that resource, I organized the Master Gardeners soils class for the evening before the Conservation Tour. Lee Kinnard spent approximately three hours with the group while Jamie Patton spoke on soil quality. The positive response from the event was outstanding. One participant said, "That was the best three hours I have spent in a long time, I learned so much!" I opened the soil pit evening up to the Kewaunee Garden Club and the Door County Master Gardeners. Seeing how successful this event was, I will likely host the same groups to the soil pit the evening before Conservation Day in the future.

Conservation Day – I planned and carried out the annual Conservation Day tour for all Kewaunee County sixth graders. This year's stops included NEW Plastics, Rosiere Wind Farm, Wagner Tree Farm, a soil pit hosted by Kinnard Farms, and Pagel's Ponderosa. Speakers were prepared with excellent visuals and learning stations. The event was covered by local media and the weather was perfect!

Rural Safety Day – Rural Safety Day was held at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds in May for all Kewaunee County third graders. The day is coordinated by Extension and Kewaunee County Public Health. I am responsible for coordinating funding and managing the budget through grants provided by the Center for Farm Safety and a matching grant from Kewaunee County Farm Bureau. Additional in-kind sponsorship for milk and ice cream is provided by Kewaunee County Dairy Promotion. I also find speakers for Pet Safety, Disabilities, Tractor Safety, Farmstead Safety, and Electrical Safety. I also line up the cow and calf for the event, reserve a tractor from Luxemburg Motors, order ice cream/milk, and order shavings for the barns. Approximately 300 youth attend the day-long program and they attended 14 sessions ranging from large animal safety to outdoor safety to fire safety. I work with Jennifer Schneider and Cindy Kinnard on press releases and pre-event interviews.

Forage Projects – I held the annual scissor clips project this spring. The crop struggled to get started this year. Medium to severe winter kill hit the alfalfa due to excessive rain last fall and no snow cover until late January. Frost heaving also caused damage to the crop. Cold and wet temperatures caused the crop to grow very slowly, resulting in decreased tonnage. A normal year of growth will see approximately one inch of

growth per day, but this year it was growing only ¼ of an inch per day. I have two Kewaunee County farms and one Door County farm in the project. I sample one field from the farm at each harvest for the lifetime of the crop (2-5 years) and cooperating farms provide harvest weights and cut/harvest dates. I in return send the samples to the Marshfield Forage Lab and the farmer receives a full analysis of the field at no charge. At the end of the season, yields and quality are summarized with all other cooperating farms throughout Wisconsin and shared with each farm.

Livestock Judging Team – I have been meeting with the livestock judging team for team practices at local farms. The team judges beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats as part of their judging competition at Area Animal Science Day. If they place high enough in the final standings, they will move on to the state competition where they will judge against teams from all over Wisconsin. Wisconsin's winning team moves on to National competition in the fall.

Emergency Operations/Nuclear Drill – I am the local lead for agriculture for natural and nuclear disasters. Serving in that role, I participate in the every-other-year nuclear drill. We had a prep meeting and practice exercise in May, and the FEMA evaluated drill will take place in June. For the past three years I have been participating in the drills on my own since Farm Service Agency no longer participated. Tracy Nollenberg recruited Kate Nelson from Land & Water Conservation and I recruited Annie Deutsch from Door County Extension to be part of the agriculture team. With two extra participants, I can be assured I will always have a cooperator in the drills.

Farm Technology Days – Distribution of Farm Technology Days funds continues as grant recipients turn in their final reports. Six scholarship winners were awarded \$1,000 each and those funds have been distributed to most of the students so far. Planning continues on the Dana Farm project for restoration of the Ransom Moore Cabin and construction of a warming shed for a new ice skating rink near Winter Park.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

June 2019

National Extension Conference on Volunteerism: I attended the conference as part of a professional development opportunity. In short, this is one of the best conferences of this type that I attend. The conference featured relevant speakers, concurrent sessions with pertinent and applicable information and tools, and I was able to network and build relationships with colleagues from throughout the country. We had an opportunity to learn (and share) about the latest research, best practices, program innovations, and trends in volunteerism. I am putting into practice information I learned and hope to attend this conference again in the future.

Additionally, I was chosen as a concurrent session speaker at the conference. I presented with a team of colleagues on the online statewide Essential Elements training that I helped write, develop, edit, record and edit the voice overs, and launch. This statewide training can be accessed by any volunteer in the state and has even been picked up for use by other states. During the presentation I figured out a way to include a colleague who couldn't attend to present with us using technology. One of the main points of our presentation was that even if colleagues didn't have the capacity to create a full online training to this extent, that there are parts of the training and tools that they can use in preparation for creating online and webinar based training. This helps expand the scope and reach of their training while allowing volunteers to readily access the information from a convenient place.



STAR (Students Talking About Respect) and Rising Stars: In May, we had our 5th meeting with 6th grade girls at a local middle school on the topic of relational aggression/bullying and leadership. As part of a community coalition with Carol Stuebs from Human Services and staff from the Violence Intervention Project (VIP). We developed a curriculum focused on treating others with respect, bullying prevention, and building leadership skills. In May, we reviewed what we worked on throughout the year, conducted our end of the year evaluation, did a group project on what parts of the program they are using or plan to use in the future, made a visual art project about how they can be leaders in their school, community, and homes.

Rural Safety Day: Together, Aerica Bjurstrom, Renee Koenig, and I worked with Cindy Kinnard from Public Health to conduct Rural Safety Day. At rural safety day, all third grade students in the county are invited to learn more about safety practices that they should be aware of while living in a rural community. The day is a hands-on, fun, and educational experience. Additionally, I prepare a booklet for the youth to take home with them to remind of the information points that they learned that day. It is our hope that the booklets will promote conversations between family members about the topic of rural safety practices and readiness.



State Horse Educational Days: At the beginning of May I worked with the State 4-H Horse Association and State Horse specialist as they conducted 4-H horse educational days in Wausau. One of my state roles is as co-advisor for the state 4-H Horse Youth Association and I work with youth and volunteers throughout the year on horse related meetings, activities, and events. At state horse educational days, youth can participate in horse speaking and demonstration contests, hippology, and quiz bowl contests. Individual youth and teams start prepping months in advance for the contest. This is a great way for youth who loves horses but do not own one or for those young people with horses to advance their love, knowledge, and skills. Kewaunee County is often well represented at this event and we had young people participating in all of the contests again this year.



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Kewaunee County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Renee Koenig
Associate Professor, Human Development and Relationships Educator
University of Wisconsin-Extension

Report for June 2019

May is Mental Health Month – For national May is Mental Health Month, I led efforts to promote awareness and education in collaboration with the Live Algoma Emotional Well-being coalition. I also instructed an 8-hour class in Brown County on Mental Health First Aid for assisting youth.

Taking Care of You – I presented on the topic of Taking Care of You at a statewide training event in Elkhart Lake for 24 educators who teach inmates in the correctional settings such as jails. The educators who teach basic math, reading and life skills to incarcerated individuals often feel burn out and stress. The research-based program offers practical strategies for reducing stress for both the educators themselves and the educators can reinforce these skills with their incarcerated students. I also presented this topic to the Aging & Disability Resource Center of the Lakeshore staff from Kewaunee and Manitowoc Counties. The presentation was paired with QPR Suicide Prevention training provided by Sheriff Joski.

Co-Parenting Education – I am continuing to teach co-parenting lessons for parents who are separating and divorcing in both Kewaunee and Manitowoc Counties. I have created a short video lesson that can be accessed by parents via social media so that parents can retrieve the information at any time.

Bookworms Reading Program for Preschoolers – I developed parent guides for the Wisconsin Bookworms reading program. The information I developed includes activities for parents to do with their preschool age children before and after reading the books. The program is a cooperative effort with Home & Community Education (HCE) and members of HCE read books to preschoolers in the local schools and then the children take home the parent guides that I developed to share with their families.

Home Alone Program – I presented at Rural Safety Day in partnership with an educator from the Kewaunee County Public Health Department. My presentation was about staying safe while home alone and planning for emergencies. I have also been developing educational material on this topic for my colleagues in other counties to use throughout the state.

Search and Screen Committee Chair – I am chairing a committee to hire a newly created position for the University. The position is a Life Span Outreach Program Manager. The position has a statewide role and responsibilities. As the chair, I am responsible for identifying qualified applicants, screening resumes, interviewing and processing human resources documents.