

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Educators Reports – Written/Discussion
7. Review Dog Damage Schedule
8. Department Head/Area Director Report – Rob Burke
 - a. County budget 2020 outcome
 - b. Expo Hall space planning and design process
 - c. Door/Kewaunee administrator request for a Joint Meeting of extension committees to discuss sharing the Human Development and Relationship Educator (Family Living) opening in Door Co.
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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Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for November 6, 2019

Dana Farm Project – I continue work with a small sub-committee working on the ice skating rink/warming shed and Ransom Moore Cabin at the Dana Farm. The bidding and contract work is complete and we can start work on the project as soon as contractors are ready. Our goal is to have the project complete this winter, however it is dependent on weather and contractor progress.

Farm Tours/World Dairy Expo – World Dairy Expo was held in Madison in early October, which brought dairy farmers from around the globe to Kewaunee County. I toured a group of German dairy farmers at local farms. The group is hosted by Rock River Laboratories and they tour a select group of customers to visit Wisconsin dairies producing approximately 100 pounds of milk/cow per day. I arranged tours at three local farms for the 18 dairy farmers.

The Extension Dairy Team hosts a trade show booth at World Dairy Expo. I worked in the booth one day of the show. Approximately 65,000 people from over 80 countries attend the trade show and cattle show in Madison.

Professional Development – I was a recipient of meritorious work funds to apply towards professional development. The National Association of County Agriculture Agents holds an annual international tour each fall, so I took the opportunity to apply the funds towards this year's trip to Ireland. The tour visited sheep, cow, and water buffalo dairies, grain, and food processors. The tour focused on livestock production in the European Union. I learned about the differences in production costs, land management, and animal care between the US and the EU. I traveled on the tour with two fellow Wisconsin agriculture agents, and we will be presenting a summary of the tour in the coming months.



Other professional development I participated in was attending the Water Policy Summit hosted by Congressman Gallagher and Representative Kitchens and I also attended a dairy tour in Marinette County. Each spring I plan a youth dairy tour for dairy project members. One of our stops on the tour in October was a location I would like to use for a tour location for the 4-H kids in spring.

Youth Programming – I put on programs for youth regarding livestock and dairy. I took a training in Youth Quality Assurance in October and held a beef selection meeting at Ebert Enterprises. This time of year is an excellent time to select steers for the upcoming county fair, so a beef project leader and I planned a meeting to discuss what to look for and how to select a quality fair steer. Approximately 30 youth and parents attended the meeting.

Program Planning – Working on program planning for upcoming winter meetings and projects. I am planning on conducting a land rental survey this winter for land owners and renters in Kewaunee and Door Counties. I am working on a team project with two dairy and livestock agriculture agents and one state specialist on increasing the value of a cull cow. The project results will be presented in a winter meeting in the coming months.

Other programs I am currently planning is a winter forage and grains meeting. The wet fall has caused a variety of problems with corn silage quality and quantity. In addition, fourth crop alfalfa was not harvested on most farms because of the wet weather. Poor quality silage and a shortage of haylage will be a problem for farmers during spring and summer, so I will be holding a meeting this winter to address those topics.

A farm stress meeting is also being planned with local agents. We are in the planning process and will release more details on the meeting in the coming weeks.



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Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator
November 2019

4-H Town Hall Meeting: The state 4-H office held the first ever state wide 4-H Town Hall meeting via the online zoom platform. Volunteers and families from throughout the state were invited to learn more about what it happening throughout the state of Wisconsin, learn about new policies, meet new state staff and learn about youth/adult partnerships. The state staff asked me if we would showcase and teach about the horse project re-organization and how we have maintained a youth focus and built youth/adult partnerships. We were the only county asked to present at this meeting. I was honored to be asked and immediately wanted to have youth and adult volunteers teach with me about this experience. We met as a group to pull together our discussion points in a way that would help others learn while showcasing our experience. Over 150 locations (many sites had multiple people participating together) tuned in to learn about how we have transformed the horse project over the past year. We received great feedback from people throughout the state and we hope to present this topic in a longer format in the future. I am so proud of the Kewaunee County 4-H program, our great volunteers and youth, and the dedication to work toward living the 4-H motto to always “make the best, better.”



4-H Fall Fest and Open House: To end national 4-H week, 4-H members and leaders put together a 4-H Fall Fest and Open House to highlight the 4-H program. We had over a hundred non-4-H people attend the event and over 60 current 4-H families and volunteers. This event was a fun, free, and educational event for the entire community. 4-H clubs and project committees provided community members with some of the highlights about being involved in Kewaunee County 4-H. Families had the opportunity to meet different 4-H clubs and their leaders, learn about different projects, make small projects, create pumpkin art at the creation station, participate in fun science experiments, and find out more about the 4-H organization as a whole. Families left the event excited about enrolling

in Kewaunee County 4-H. Several new members have joined 4-H this year and I continue to receive phone calls about being part of the program.

Students Talking About Respect (STAR): In October, I began working 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 staff from the Violence Intervention Project (VIP) and the Kewaunee School District. I developed a curriculum that we have used throughout the year that is focused on treating others with respect, bullying prevention, and building leadership skills. We are presenting a lesson on a monthly basis to work on this important topic throughout the year. Each month, I use a number of teaching techniques and activities. Staff from VIP work with the male students on similar topics during this time. Additionally, the class is assigned homework (not graded or counted toward the student’s grade) to help them reflect on the material that was covered or to prepare them for the next lesson. In addition, we have a great partners in the middle school staff and 6th grade teachers to help make this program as beneficial as possible.

4-H Club and Committee Charter Renewal Process: We working on the charter renewal process for the club and committees in Kewaunee County. A 4-H audit committee, our Leader’s Association treasurer and I will continue to work on this process over the next month. In addition, I will be entering the groups’ 990N e-postcards to ensure that they are IRS compliant. In addition, there are several steps that I will need to take to enter this information for the state 4-H office. Once all of the information is gathered and reviewed at a county level, it is then loaded to a state website and is reviewed by the State office.

Upcoming Events

Project Day: The Kewaunee County annual Project Day planning is under way for 2018. The event is tentatively scheduled for February 2018. We are currently seeking older youth and adult presenters as well as volunteers willing to help with the day’s activities. Last year we had over 100 youth (both 4-H and non 4-H members) participate and this year we are anticipating more participants. Not only does the program provide the youth with new life-skills, but it also is a good method for promoting the 4-H program in Kewaunee County.



Renee Koenig
Associate Professor, Human Development and Relationships Educator
Report for November 2019

Workshops - I am facilitating several workshops this fall and winter. I am the lead organizer and trainer of these educational programs which means that I am responsible for the majority of the behind-the-scenes work as well as teaching the educational content. I am collaborating with several local agencies/community organizations to ensure that the education is reaching the broadest possible audiences and strengthening the agency partnerships by working together to maximize the expertise of the local agency trainers. Examples of the local agencies that I am partnering with include: the ADRC of the Lakeshore, Violence Intervention Project, Bellin Health, Kewaunee County Human Services and Kewaunee County Emergency Management, Kewaunee Health & Fitness and faith-based organizations. The workshops include:

- Caring For Children Who Have Experienced Trauma – 16 hour workshop, 5 weekly sessions
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers of Children With Special Health Needs – 12 hour workshop, 6 weekly sessions
- Parents Forever – 4 hour class, 2 nightly sessions
- Mental Health First Aid – 8 hour course, 2 nightly sessions
- Aging Mastery – 12 hours, 6 weekly sessions

Instruction for Child Care Providers – I am continuing to go to the child care centers to provide instruction on Trauma-Informed Care and Taking Care of You. I am delivering this education in partnership with Carol Stuebs, the Kewaunee County Birth to Three Program Coordinator.

HCE Program Planning – The planning process for the Kewaunee County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) continues for the 2020 program year. In my advisory role to the HCE association, monthly educational programs were identified for relevant topics facing today's families and consumers. I also assist with setting dates, locations and contacting speakers and developing additional educational content for the presentations.

Human Trafficking Awareness - On October 8, Sherriff Joski presented a program to HCE members and guests on the topic of Human Trafficking Awareness. I also arranged for a follow-up presentation by Brooke from the Violence Intervention Project on the local services available to families and the community for addressing this issue.

Rotary Club Presentation – I was the guest speaker at the Kewaunee Rotary Club on October 17. I presented data from the 2018 Kewaunee County Youth Risk Behavior Survey and described Extension education programs that strengthen families and communities.

Outreach at the Senior Resource Fair and Bank of Luxemburg Employee Wellness Fair -

In efforts to reach more families with life skills education, I have been attending local events such as the Senior Resource Fair and the Bank of Luxemburg Employee Wellness Fair.

These events have been helpful for networking with community organizations to share ideas and resources as well as building relationships with individuals to assess the needs in the community to plan for future educational programming.

