

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, September 4, 2019
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of August 7, 2019
5. Public Input
6. Educators Reports – Written/Discussion
7. Department Head/Area Director Report – Rob Burke
 - a. County budget 2020 update - Discussion
 - b. Joint Meeting September 5th 1 pm, Peninsular Ag Research Station. - Discussion
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.



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KEWAUNEE COUNTY

Aerica Bjurstrom

Agriculture Agent

Prepared for September 4, 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. Progress continues with planning and bidding the project. The *goal* is to have the skating area open for winter 2019/2020, but it is weather and contractor dependent.

Veterinary Update Meeting – I invited Dr. Paul Fricke, Extension/UW-Madison dairy reproduction



specialist to present an update on UW research and reproduction protocols. Dr. Fricke brought along two graduate students to talk about new protocols and research they are conducting on farms in Wisconsin. Research is focusing on gender sorted sire use and how it impacts fertility. Other research is focusing on embryo transfer viability. I invite Dr. Fricke to visit with local veterinarians once a year, and I invite as many

large animal veterinarians that cover Kewaunee and Door County farms as I can.

Meetings/Research – I'm continuing summer forage research on three farms (two in Kewaunee County and one in Door County). The project will wrap up for the season after fourth crop is harvested. I attended the Economic Development Corporation agriculture subcommittee meeting. We are working on planning events for 2020 and planning the 2021 Ag Career Days event. I am serving on the planning committee for the 2020 dairy and beef well-being conference. The annual conference will probably be held in Baraboo in late February or early March. I attended the annual Farm to Fork event, which is planned and carried out by the Kewaunee County Dairy Promotion Committee. The event was held at Deer Run Dairy and is geared towards the education of the local non-farm community.

Farm visits/tour planning – Made farm calls to about a dozen farms in August. I'm working with one farm on a calf barn project. The farm needs technical assistance on determining what will work best for a calf barn in the future, both short-term and long-term.

I am also working on planning a portion of a week-long tour for a group of German dairy farmers. The group visits Kewaunee County every October with some of the same, and new farmers. They will be visiting three farms in Kewaunee County on October 2 and 3.

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

Report for September 2019

Annual Report – I developed my page for the Extension annual report. The report is a short summary of the programs that I provide throughout the year. The full Extension annual report will be presented to the county board on September 17.

Caregivers of Children with Special Health Needs - I have been working with families and community organizations to plan the six-week workshop for caregivers of children (including adult children) with special health needs. Ironing out logistics for the class dates, times and locations is always a challenge to identify the best possible schedule for participants to attend.

Strengthening Families & Systems – On August 15-16, I presented at a statewide conference in Wisconsin Dells to more than 40 professional trainers on the topic of trauma informed community-based approaches to care. The Wisconsin Department of Children & Families hosted the conference and arranged the professional development opportunity.

Mental Health First Aid and Farms – I am continuing to work with local and state partners to offer the Youth Mental Health First Aid course in Kewaunee County. The National Council for Mental Health reported 13,282 new first aiders trained in July and a total of 1,968,632 first aiders. I am one of only two trainers in Kewaunee County and looking forward to increasing our numbers of first aiders in the county so more people will have the skills to assist a youth in crisis. On August 22, a presentation with the tag line “You don’t have to have a counseling degree to help someone in crisis” was given to Extension Ag educators to inform them of courses like Mental Health First Aid.

Nicaragua Partners – On August 26, the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners presented a program to HCE members and guests. The educational program explained job training programs in Nicaragua and how Wisconsin is helping to support the learning centers in Nicaragua.

Human Trafficking Awareness - The Kewaunee County Association for Home & Community Education (HCE) will host a Human Trafficking Awareness presentation on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Please contact me to register in advance, renee.koenig@wisc.edu. Seating is limited. Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor or commercial sex. Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked in countries around the world. This serious crime is not just a problem in other countries – it is also happening in the United States. Human trafficking is a hidden crime as victims rarely come forward to seek help because of language barriers, fear of the traffickers, and/or fear of law enforcement. There are different types of human trafficking: Sex Trafficking, Forced Labor, and Domestic Servitude. Victims of forced labor are compelled to work for little or no pay, often manufacturing or harvesting the products we use and consume every day. Victims of domestic servitude are forced to work in isolation and are hidden in plain sight as nannies, housekeepers, or other domestic help.

MINUTES
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Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to order** at 8:31 AM by Chairman Tom Romdenne
2. **Roll Call** - Committee members present: Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Mary-Ellen Dobbins, Chuck Wagner. Educators present: Jill Jorgensen, Aerica Bjurstrom, Excused: Renee Koenig. Also present: Rob Burke, Area Extension Director.
3. **Motion by Dobbins, second by Wagner to approve the agenda**, and the minutes of July 3, 2019. All aye. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Input** - None
5. **Educators Reports** –
 - a. **Ag Agent Aerica Bjurstrom reported on the farm financial crisis affecting local producers. Milk prices are recovering a small amount in late 2019 but not on a rate that will show rapid improvement.**
 - b. **Renee Koenig, Human Relationships and Family Living Educator also reported on programming efforts to address the farm financial and mental health crisis.**
 - c. **Youth 4-H Agent Jill Jorgensen reported the fair was successful for the youth/4-H participants. Their experiences will be valuable life lessons and lifetime friendships were built.**
6. **Department Head/Area Director Report-**
 - a. **Burke presented a “cost to continue” budget proposal and will forward it to the Finance Director in compliance with the budget schedule. Discussion resulted in a request to include funding for new presentation (laptop) equipment.**
7. **Joint Meeting Discussion:** Meeting will be September 5, PARS research station in Sturgeon Bay, 1 PM.
8. **Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates.** September 4, 2019 8:30 am regular meeting, September 5, 2019 Joint Door/Kewaunee Meeting PARS Sturgeon Bay, 1 pm.
9. **Call to adjourn by Paape, second by Wagner, all aye.** Meeting adjourned at 9:14 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Burke

August 7, 2019

Notice of Public Meeting
September 5, 2019

**AGRICULTURE &
EXTENSION EDUCATION
COMMITTEE**

*Peninsular Agricultural
Research Station
4312 Hwy. 42, Sturgeon Bay, WI*

Oversight for Extension Department

Joint meeting of the
DOOR COUNTY AGRICULTURE and EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
and the
KEWAUNEE COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Thursday, September 5, 2019
1:00 p.m.
Peninsula Agriculture Research Station
4312 Hwy 42N, Sturgeon Bay**

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order at 1:00 pm
2. Establish a Quorum ~ Roll Call
3. Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed
4. Welcome and Introductions
- Kewaunee County Ag. & Extension Education Committee
5. Door-Kewaunee joint programming and skill sharing in crops and soils/dairy
and livestock - Aerica & Annie
6. PARS Update & Report
7. Site Visit – Door 44 Winery
8. Meeting Per Diem Code
9. Adjourn

Deviation from the order shown may occur

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