

**AGENDA**  
**Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting**  
**County Board Room**  
**810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI**  
**Wednesday, December 2, 2020**  
**8:30 AM**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the November 4, 2020 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Educators Reports – Written/Narrative/Q/A (VIA REMOTE/ZOOM)
7. Department Head/Area Director Report – Judy Knudsen
  - a. Review Dog Damage Claims
  - b. Extension Updates
  - c. Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days
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.



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Prepared for December 2, 2020

**Farm Technology Days** – I have continued work with the parks department on the ice skating rink and warming building. The building is nearing completion and will be fully operational by our target timeline of winter sports season. The ice skating rink has been excavated and is ready for making ice when weather permits. The Ransom Moore Cabin has been restored with new chinking, heat, and repairs. The new ice skating warming shed has restrooms, so the Ransom Moore Cabin will be another option for meeting space. I am working with the planning committee and Jennifer Gonzalez to promote the rink



**Farm Management Update** – The Farm Management Update webinar series continued in November and will wrap up in December. November’s topics were “2020 End of Year Review: Crops and Farm Finances” with Dr. Paul Mitchell and “Year-End Grain Marketing Decisions” with John Heinberg. The program was recorded and I edited the videos and worked with support staff Erin Dahle to complete the closed captioning so the videos can be released to the public. The videos can be found here:

Paul Mitchell <https://youtu.be/21jXWC16Ptk>

John Heinberg <https://youtu.be/MAa8mQER0ig>

Just under 80 people attended the webinar and the videos have been shared and viewed on social media and on YouTube. The final webinar in the series will take place in December and will focus on tax implications of federal COVID payments in 2020, how to refocus difficult conversations, and Cindy Kinnard, Kewaunee County Public Health will discuss COVID-19 in rural communities.

**Winter webinar series** – The agriculture institute will be putting on a series of webinars focusing on different topics, they will be dairy, beef, small ruminants, and farm management. I am participating in work groups in dairy and the livestock topics. I will be a speaker for one of the dairy topics in February.

**Research** – I am working with a small workgroup on a research project focusing on the Phenotype of Dairy Beef cross calves. The workgroup hoped to have been on farms collecting data by now, but the UW’s COVID restrictions have postponed the progress. In the meantime, I am setting up an electronic data collection tool that will help expedite sorting and formatting data when it is collected. It will also allow us to collect data directly into a tablet on-farm and save the step of having to write it down and enter it into a computer later.

**2021 Planning** – It is unlikely we will be holding in-person programming through March; however I am working on a series of online programs in youth livestock, dairy, beef, and crops. In addition, Pesticide Applicator Training will be conducted online, and testing can also be done online.



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Report for December 2020

## Families, Finances and Wellness

### What We Do:

UW-Madison Division of Extension Human Development and Relationships Programs respond to local needs with educational, research-based programs and partnerships that enhance the well-being of Wisconsin families and communities. Follow our Facebook page for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/HDRInstitute>

**Family Engagement & Relationships Education** – This past month, I have had several meetings with UW Madison directors, managers and leaders to plan and develop more efficient systems for delivering education. As a result of the pandemic, we have begun to implement more cross-programmatic efforts and multi-county outreach. The benefit to Kewaunee County families is an increase in available technology-based educational opportunities and resources.

**Family Financial Education** - Over the past several weeks, I have provided lessons on money management and family financial education to households in Kewaunee County. Families facing evictions and other housing issues are provided with lessons from our Extension “Rent Smart” program, “Money Matters” course and “Tools to Cope with the Financial Impact of COVID-19”.

**Family Wellbeing and Mental Health Education** – This month, I have focused on providing mental health resources for educators and other helping professionals to manage their own stress and prevent burnout while helping children and families. Many of the brief interventions are provided as short educational messages and suggested coping strategies shared on our social media platforms, such as this short video example:





**Home for the Holidays (with 4-H):** After the positive response to our first project kit, we created a special holiday edition project kit that will be available in December. We are offering two versions of the kit, one with a two-hour virtual session where we will virtually meet with the young people and walk them through making the crafts live. The other is a download of the videos. We wanted to make sure that families had options if they are not available for the night or have poor internet connections. Participants will also receive several other craft and cookie making videos and instructions that they can do with their families at home. We have kept the focus on hands-on creation, education through STEAM, and building fun, family connection time.

**Explore 4-H - Multi week educational series:** We ended the six-week series that was created in direct response to Covid-10. As you may remember, it was developed to provide ongoing 4-H program recruitment and project development. The six week learning series was an introduction to 4-H projects and activities related to STEM, foods, and art. In addition to the hands-on, interactive projects, we incorporated social activities to create a positive, welcoming learning environment. We are compiling an end of program evaluation. Due to experience they had with this learning series, many of the young people were excited to take part in the next learning project kit, Home for the Holidays (with 4-H) that was described above.



**Fall Forum – Virtual State Leadership Conference:** During the first weekend of November, Kewaunee County had four 4-H members and ten volunteer leaders attended the Virtual Fall Forum Conference. They joined nearly 500 youth leaders, adult volunteers, and staff from over 60 counties and tribal nations who gathered this year for Fall Forum. Over the weekend, participants participate in hands on sessions related to building leadership skills, learning about project areas, learning about new topics in 4-H, building your clubs and projects, creating welcoming environments and so much more. Additionally, Joe and Linda Pribek, were honored at a virtual 2020 4-H Hall of Fame round table. We hope to celebrate their induction into the 4-H Hall of Fame in person next year.

During the conference I facilitated three different sessions, a lightening round session on volunteer training tools, two daytime sessions on how volunteers can work with the new enrollment system, and two evening sessions, with the Hall of Fame laurates in round table discussions with conference attendees.

**Virtual County Project and Club Meetings:** I have been working with several county clubs and groups to engage members in virtual meetings. We are being creative and innovative, and I have found that the members are engaged and having fun in these different spaces with familiar faces. Clubs and projects are still be directed to meet virtually when possible but have an option for small group and “podded” meetings with a program approval. We are working together with volunteers to come up with some good options for the new 4-H year.

**4-H Enrollments:** 4-H enrollment coninued through November and will conclude near the end of the month. The state office rolled out 4-H online 2.0, an updated system in October and we are using the system and working learn more about the features, systems, and hiccups. The re-enrollment deadline was moved to mid November to accommodate the later rollout of the new system.