

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
County Board Room
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Educators Reports – Written/Narrative/Q/A (VIA REMOTE/ZOOM)
7. Department Head/Area Director Report – Judy Knudsen
 - a. Extension Updates
 - b. 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 February 3, 2021

Dana Farm ice skating rink – The ice skating rink, warming shelter, and renovation on the Ransom Moore Cabin project is nearing completion. Ice skating officially started the last week in January and media blitz on the project was held in early January. A few more items need to be finished up such as installing signage and completing electrical in the cabin. The project donation to the county from Farm Technology Days was approximately \$100,000.



Farm Ready Research webinar series – The Farm Ready Research series includes topics on 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. The registration link and series details can be found at: <https://extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/farm-ready-research/>

Research – I am working with a small workgroup on a research project focusing on the Phenotype of Dairy Beef cross calves. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we couldn't get on farm when we wanted to, so we are making revisions and final touches on how data will be collected. Two farms in Kewaunee County will participate in the project and I will look for more participants provided they fit the participant criteria.



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Report for February 2021

Parenting Classes

This month, I have received several requests from families for parenting education. Foster parents, single parents, divorcing parents and grandparents have also been attending my classes for caregivers of children with special needs. These families are in complex situations with multiple challenges including financial struggles, legal issues, suicidal teens, substance use and addiction, and cognitive and physical disabilities.

Financial Education

Money Management courses and financial education have been in higher demand as a result of the pandemic. I have been assessing the financial situation of families and adapting my educational programs to meet the needs of the families.

The United Way's ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) report highlights regional differences in economic welfare across the state. In their 2020 report they state that 34% of WI residents cannot afford basic needs, such as housing, childcare, transportation, food, and health care. The percent of households below the ALICE threshold (including those under the Federal Poverty Limit) ranges from 26% in Ozaukee County to 55% in Menominee County. Kewaunee County has 32% below poverty level.

The key issues that Extension's financial security programs address in Wisconsin are lack of affordable housing, financial literacy for both older adults and youth, and providing training resources for those with limited employment and benefit options.

Support for Farm Families, Mental Health Awareness and Mental Health First Aid

I am teaching Mental Health First Aid for adults. The course prepares adults to assist individuals in a mental health situation or crisis. I am partnering with my colleague in Manitowoc County to offer the courses. UW Extension and the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's (DATCP) Farm Center are partnering on projects to support farm families' unique challenges and stressors. We have been including details about these initiatives in our Extension Connection (formerly Foghorn) newsletter.

Impacts of Family Development and Wellbeing Programs

Cumulative results from my recent program evaluations show 100% of participants indicated that they gained valuable skills and will be able to apply them to their professional or personal lives (11% good, 30% great, 59% excellent). Participants also indicated that the content was culturally and linguistically relevant (15% good, 34% great, 51% excellent) and the content was clearly linked to best practices or had a strong research base (13% good, 33% good, 54% excellent). Comments from participants further indicated that they plan to apply the skills learned and share resources with families and children across Wisconsin.



Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator

February 2021



Virtual County Project and Club Meetings: I have been working with several county clubs and groups to engage members in virtual meetings. In January, I worked with a number of clubs and committees to host their meetings by zoom. Volunteers, club members, and I have worked together to come up with door drop activities that can be done together or before meetings, fun games, educational experiences, polling activities for voting a much more.

Project meetings: I worked with a number of project committees and subcommittees during the month of January to continue meetings for members and volunteers. The horse, goat, poultry, sheep, auction, virtual auction subcommittee, and others were able to meet with my assistance and provide educational opportunities, elections, speakers, and more.

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.

Northeast WI Science Summit: We are beginning our third kit based program in February. This is a science exploration based kit open youth in grades 5-8 and youth do not need to be 4-H members. Each Saturday during the program we will participate in hands-on science lessons with various UW-Madison departments. They will be learning about activities including kitchen science, DNA, wind energy, nanogenerators, physics of light, and climate change. Youth will be receiving a kit with supplies and will participate in a two hour zoom session each Saturday. We’ll be recording sessions if someone is unable to join for a week. We are working in partnership with the UW Biotechnology Center and other UW Science department and they were able to provide supplies and keep the cost to just \$5.00 per kit. This program is presented in partnership with Kewaunee County 4-H, Brown County 4-H, and Door County 4-H.



Fairs Advisory Committee: I was named as the Positive Youth Development county-based educator to this committee. The group is intended to maintain communication and relationships between Extension and partner organizations and to address issues related to county fairs as we navigate COVID and focus on our educational role. The committee includes representation from DATCP, Wisconsin State Fair, FFA, and the Wisconsin Association of Fairs along with Extension colleagues.

VIP Leader Orientation: All 4-H Youth Development volunteers must go through an enrollment and orientation process consisting of enrolling, going through a background check, taking online mandatory reporter training, and attending a live/zoom Volunteers in Preparation (VIP) volunteer orientation with Positive Youth Development Staff. We are currently running the orientation sessions to help volunteers for their roles and complete the process.