

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
County Board Room
810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, November 3, 2021
Conference Room Near Main Entrance
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Educators Reports – Written/Narrative/Q/A
7. Review Dog Damage Pay Schedule
8. Department Head/Area Director Report – Judy Knudsen
 - a. Extension Updates
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

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Prepared for November 3, 2021

Epsilon Sigma Phi National Conference – I am a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP), which is an organization for Extension professionals. ESP includes members of all Extension program disciplines, so it offers a variety of professional development opportunities to collaborate and network with a colleagues. I attended the National ESP Conference in Savannah, GA October 25-28. I am a member of the national marketing committee, so I attended and participated in the annual meeting, north central ESP meeting, and attended a variety of concurrent sessions to improve communication and program building skills.

Research – Research is an expected/required of my role, so I am currently participating in a variety of research projects primarily dealing with dairy-beef cross calves. During summer months I typically participate in dairy forage research projects such as the Alfalfa Yield Persistency project. Currently I am participating in three dairy-beef research projects, two of which include collecting data on newborn, two-month-old, and four-month-old calves. The other dairy-beef project I'm working on is a state-wide study to better understand on-farm management of dairy x beef crossbred calves including breeding, newborn calf management, colostrum and milk feeding, and selling strategies. Results from this study will help researchers better understand how dairy farmers are managing dairy x beef crossbred calves, and to develop relevant extension programming/outreach to support farmers in the care and management of these animals. I collected 12 surveys from farms in Kewaunee, Door, Brown, and Shawano Counties. Those 12 farms produced approximately 15,000 dairy-beef cross calves in the last year.

Five-Minute Farm Focus - The Five Minute Farm Focus videos have had nearly 3,400 views (five videos) since I started releasing them in April. The newest October release is composting dairy manure solids (with interview) and it was released with a companion video on the process of composting manure. I have a video planned for November release on using genetics to improve herd health and another video on winter calf care.

Composting Manure Solids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-SB4eTdH6c>

Making compost from dairy manure solids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lc9Jn1SUGZs&t=4s>

Winter/spring programming – I am the co-chair of the Wisconsin Dairy & Beef Well-Being Conference, which will be held at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center on February 22. The focus of the meeting will be on FARM 4.0 standards, calf disbudding (removing horn buds), fitness for transport, heat stress, and maternity pen management. My programming will be phasing out crop work to focus on dairy, but I will be holding a face-to-face private pesticide applicator training in January. Glenn Nice, the PAT manager will be doing the training.

Family Safety Video Lessons during Fire Prevention Month –

During the month of October, I provided family safety video lessons including fire safety for Fire Prevention Month. The lessons are available in English and Spanish. Each lesson has an average of 30 learners and there are eight lessons in the program.



Fire Safety

Kewaunee County Health Needs Assessment and Survey – I am collaborating with the Public Health Department to assess the county’s health needs for the 5-year Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). I created a survey tool, helped launch the survey and I will collect and report the survey results. We will meet with the public in December to begin implementing a plan to address unmet needs. Please take the survey [here](#) or contact me for a paper copy.

Numbers of Participants and Results – Extension has a reporting system to collect our participation records and outcomes such as the following for the 3rd quarter:

Parenting Education = 74 participants	Increases in parenting knowledge/skills = 98%
Health & Well-being Programs = 53 participants	Increases in self-reported well-being practices = 87%
Financial Education = 42 participants	Increase in confidence to manage finances = 82%
Collaborative community efforts = 12 partnerships	Feedback about the instructor = 100% (44% agree and 56% strongly agree) the instructor was knowledgeable on the topic

Aging Financial Decision-Making Workshop -

Members of the Home & Community Education Association requested that I present a workshop on financial decision-making and charitable giving in the later years of life. The workshop was held on Oct. 18th



with seven attendees representing eight HCE clubs who will extend the learning to their 76 club members by taking my presentation handouts back to their club meeting.

Senior Resource Fair –

On October 7th I attended the Resource Fair organized by the ADRC. New Extension Educator, Jace Purdy, shared a booth with me for FoodWise and Strong Bodies programs.



These events are helpful for outreach to the community. There were 140 people who attended the event.