

**AMENDED**  
**AGENDA**  
**Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 2022**  
**Kewaunee County Administration Center, 810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee**  
**County Board Room**  
**8:30 AM**

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the February 2, 2022 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Educators Reports – Written/Narrative/Q/A
7. Department Head/Area Director Report – Judy Knudsen
  - a. Extension Updates
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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**Aerica Bjurstrom**  
Regional Dairy Educator  
Prepared for March 2, 2022

**Wisconsin Dairy & Beef Well-Being Conference** – I served as co-chair of the Wisconsin Dairy & Beef Well-Being Conference which was supposed to be held at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center. This was the first major in-person program planned by the dairy educators, so we all worked diligently to get back into the swing of planning for a live group. The program focused on dairy well-being and covered topics defined in the dairy program Plan of Work. Topics included breeding a better cow, fitness for transport, disbudding/pain management, Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) 4.0, heat stress, and maternity pen management. Unfortunately, due to the ice storm on 2/22/22, we had to move the program to a virtual format at the last second, but due to that, we were able to gain a few more registrants. A total of 45 people attended the program. We offered continuing education credits for veterinarians and Beef Quality Assurance. Feedback from presenters and attendees was very positive commenting on the quality of presentations and the mix of timely topics.

**Five Minute Farm Focus** – I released a Five Minute Farm Focus video in February on cold weather calf care and started another video on using Automatic Milking System (AMS) data to improve herd health. The winter calf care video can be found here: <https://youtu.be/6qE3TM2afQs>

*Shown right, a screenshot of the newest Five Minute Farm Focus Video featuring Stacy Jauquet of Luxemburg speaking on cold weather calf care.*



**Committees/Professional Associations:** I attended (virtually) several committee meetings of professional organizations I am a member of.

I am a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) and sit on the Awards Committee and Grants Committee. I also nominated a colleague for the mid-career award. Both committees met in February to prepare for the annual Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) in April. Between now and the conference in April, I will be preparing and submitting awards for the National Association of County Extension Agents and will work with the ESP awards committee to order and prepare awards for winners. I am also the president-elect of the Wisconsin Association of County Agriculture Agents and will take over the role of president at the April JCEP meeting.

**Research** – I am preparing for a research project this year starting in May when the alfalfa fields start growing. I will be sampling alfalfa and soil to determine the level of copper loads in the fields and forage. I am working with Jamie Patton, Nutrient & Pest Management Outreach Specialist, and several agriculture/dairy agents in Eastern Wisconsin to collect data in their respective counties.

We closed out another group of dairy X beef calves at a farm in Door County, which included weighing and measuring 18 animals. I have one last group of about 15 calves to weigh and measure in March, which will complete data collection on that research project. I will likely be starting a new project with the same UW-Madison researcher on feed bunk management. I will share more details on that project as I know more about it.

**Private Pesticide Applicator Training** – Private Pesticide Applicator Training was held at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds in February with 38 attendees. Training was also held at the Brown County Office where 15 people attended the class. I also taught the program at a dairy in Brown County, and proctored an exam for three individuals who self-studied. I have facilitated or proctored training/exams for about 70 people in the last six months. Due to Covid-19, some people were given an extension on their license, but now need to renew. I will proctor two more exam times for self-study or online training in March.

**CAFO Update** – I served on the CAFO update planning committee and co-presented with Regional Dairy Educator (Fond du Lac/Sheboygan/Ozaukee/Washington Counties) Tina Kohlman. We presented on feeding dairy cattle to reduce carbon and methane emissions. I will present the same program in March at the Agriculture Lenders meeting in Appleton. Approximately 250 people attended the CAFO update online over the course of two days.



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Renee Koenig, MS  
Associate Professor, Family Development Educator  
Report for March 2, 2022

**What does my position focus on? Families, Finances and Wellness**

**The Value of Family Science & Education Programs** - Family Science provides evidence-based ways for families to strengthen interpersonal relationships and enhance their well-being. A myriad of policies and programs at all levels of society address family-focused issues: child care, health-care reform, adoption, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, caregiving, family leave, family poverty, marriage, equality, and more. Family Science research and practice are vital to informing these policies and programs so they work optimally for all families. I work with Extension State Specialists to conduct research that will inform programs and policies that address the needs of families locally.

**Parenting Workshops for Families Facing Major Life Challenges** - I am teaching parenting classes for families facing complex challenges such as incarceration, poverty, divorce, death, substance use and addiction, foster care, legal issues and disabilities. The workshops cover educational topics about raising healthy kids and eliminating barriers that prevent future success. The curriculum development was led by Dr. Rob Nix from the School of Human Ecology at UW-Madison. The lessons include practice activities and time for parents to discuss concerns and provide support to each other. These workshops are attended by English language learners and language interpretation is provided. In February, I provided lessons to 27 parents who are raising 42 children.

**Focus on Fathers Program** – I am offering a parenting program especially for dads. Research shows that children whose fathers are involved in their daily care tend to be more confident, have more social skills, and higher academic skills. I am teaching the program series with my colleagues from Dodge, Grant, Winnebago, and Crawford counties.



**Educational Sessions for Older Adults** - In February, 25 older adults attended seven different educational sessions on topics related to aging. One of the lessons focused on advanced directives for end-of-life planning and the importance of keeping accurate paperwork such as Power of Attorney state forms. The learning objectives also included avoiding family conflict with good communication skills during difficult family conversations about healthcare, property and finances.



**Abstract Reviews** – I agreed to review abstracts of national and state educators who are proposing to present their scholarly work at the National and Wisconsin Extension Associations of Family & Consumer Sciences. I reviewed and scored seven abstracts and proposals in February. This opportunity has allowed me to offer constructive feedback to colleagues and learn from their efforts for potential local use.