

AMENDED AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds, 625 Third Street, Luxemburg, WI
Exhibition Hall – Small Conference Room #131
2:00 PM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the April 6, 2022 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Approve hiring an intern for period of May through August 2022 funded with \$3,500 received from the James Crowley Foundation. See attached letter.
7. Educators Reports – Written/Narrative/Q/A
8. Department Head/Area Director Report – Judy Knudsen
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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April 25, 2022

Dear Kewaunee County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee –

This letter is to formally ask for permission to hire a James Crowley Foundation intern for the period of May through August 2022. The foundation was established in honor of Dr. Crowley, who was a visionary in the dairy industry and a dairy science professor at UW-Madison. The foundation provides county-based Extension educators \$3,500 to hire an intern. The intern must be an enrolled student at UW-Madison. Kewaunee and Door Counties will share an intern for the summer of 2022 and split their responsibilities between the two counties focusing on agriculture and 4-H programming.

No expense will be incurred to either Kewaunee or Door Counties since the grant will pay for the intern's salary. There will be no benefits provided. The intern will not require office space or office supplies, as most of their tasks will be completed on-farm/on location or working from home. Mileage will not be paid. The intern will be a Kewaunee County LTE and the grant will be paid out at an hourly rate based on an estimated number of hours to be worked. The goal is to pay out all the funds by the end of August or sooner.

Thank you for your support,

Aerica Bjurstrom

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Prepared for May 11, 2022

Pesticide Applicator Training – I proctored exams on three occasions in April for those who took the online course or did a self-study option. These exams should be the final ones administered this spring since the growing season is right around the corner. Approximately 75 people took the exam with me from January to April this year.

Dairy Tour – Each year I organize a tour for 4-H youth dairy project members as an educational event and a way to earn a participation point towards Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor. This is the first time the group has been able to do a spring tour since 2019 because the 2020 tour was canceled and a tour was not scheduled in 2021. The group was hosted by Synergy Dairy in Shawano County. Approximately 50 youth and adults attended the tour, which was hosted by Jay and Heather Jauquet, Kewaunee County natives and supporters of the 4-H dairy project. The tour was an educational event for youth but was open to anyone who wanted to attend.



Youth Livestock Quiz Bowl – I participate in the 4-H Youth Livestock Quiz Bowl each year as a judge. The event is held in Madison and 22 teams from across Wisconsin participated in the event this year. Kewaunee County does not have a team at this event, but I am happy to help with the event because it connects me with my livestock knowledge base.

Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) – I attended in-person and online the Wisconsin JCEP Conference. The in-person event was held in Rothschild, and I attended the Wisconsin Association of County Agricultural Agents (WACAA) annual meeting and the Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) annual meeting. As WACAA President-Elect, I was responsible for ordering awards for the annual meeting. I also won four awards, three communications awards (1st place website (co-member submission), 1st place factsheet (co-member submission), 1st place educational video) and I also received the Distinguished Service Award. I was also a co-member of two other first-place submissions. Three of the awards received regional awards and will move on to the national competition. I will take over as WACAA president in July and attend the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference in West Palm Beach, FL. I will receive my distinguished service award at that conference and possibly any national winning communications awards. For the ESP meeting, I was also responsible for ordering awards, so that took some coordination time in April. I am an outgoing board member of ESP but will continue to serve on two state chapter committees and a national committee. I also co-created/presented two programs during the virtual part of the conference.

Dairy Programming – The traditional “meeting season” is wrapping up for the winter/spring and I participated in two wrap-up meetings (Badger Dairy Insight and Wisconsin Dairy & Beef Well-Being Conference) where we evaluated our effectiveness of programming and what we will do for programming in the future. Wrap-up meetings are pre-cursors of the Dairy Plan of Work meeting, which also took place in April at the Marshfield Agricultural Research Station. As an individual, I plan to conduct my research project on copper sulfate use/impact in fields and crops, I will continue with making educational videos, and continue work on the beef on dairy research projects that are on-going in the state.

Intern planning – Door County 4-H Youth Development Educator, Dawn VandeVoort and I submitted for a \$3,500 grant through the Crowley Foundation to fund an intern to work on projects related to dairy and youth programming. The student intern must be enrolled at UW-Madison. We have an intern in mind for the position and we will proceed with hiring details in early May. The grant will be received and paid by Kewaunee County and the person’s time will be split primarily between Kewaunee and Door Counties but could include some dairy-specific work in Brown County.



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Renee Koenig, MS
Associate Professor, Family Development Educator
Report for May 411, 2022

Education for Families, Finances and Wellness

Families are Wisconsin's future. Families strengthen communities and contribute to the economy. They are consumers and taxpayers. Families care for children and their elderly. Extension provides education promoting these family strengths and helps communities become positive environments for family life. Programs respond to community needs with research-based education and partnerships that support families and communities.

Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Conference 2022 – I presented at the Wisconsin JCEP conference in April. My presentation was one of twenty sessions selected for the conference and I was one of 61 speakers out of hundreds of JCEP members who were willing to contribute to the statewide event. My presentation was titled, “Alleviating Ageism With an Extension Program”.

2022 Team Award from Wisconsin Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences – The 2022 Team Award was given to me and my colleagues from seven counties including Dodge, Sauk, Winnebago, Crawford, Richland, Grant, and Washington for our work on the Parent Connect program. We developed the program for caregivers to provide them with tools to support their children during difficult times. Social connections help caregivers reduce stress, which can minimize child abuse and neglect. Family stress is also reduced when parents support their child's social and emotional development.

National Award – The National Council for Mental Wellbeing held the largest conference in mental health and substance use treatment in Washington DC last month. I am a member of the Mental Health First Aid training team at UW-Madison Extension that received the Redefined Award at the conference. Although I did not attend the conference, I received the picture below of our award. Over the past year, I trained more than 90 adults in the potential life-saving measures of mental health first aid.



Planning for Rural Safety Day – I am continuing to contact presenters and make plans in partnership with the public health department for Rural Safety Day on May 18. This full day educational event for all third grade students requires a great deal of coordination and planning to ensure that quality presentations on numerous safety topics are covered.



Coping with Rising Prices: Financial Education – In April, I continued to meet with parents who are struggling to meet their financial obligations. I provided financial coaching and strategies to cope with rising prices in today's economy. The Money Matters program includes a series of 12 modules. I also provide a self-study guide for families that choose to work on their finances independently.