

MINUTES
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
8:30 AM

Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to order** at 8:30 pm by Chairman Romdenne
2. **Roll Call** - Committee members present: Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Mary-Ellen Dobbins, Chuck Wagner. Educators present: Aerica Bjurstrom, Renee Koenig, Jill Jorgensen. Also present: Rob Burke, Area Extension Director. Bob Weidner, County Board Chair present at 9:00 am.
3. **Motion by Dobbins , second by Wagner to approve the agenda and approve the minutes of March 11**, all aye. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Input** - None
5. **Educators Reports** – Chuck commented in general about Legislative Days and how the youth delegates were good to have, they cause a positive reaction by legislators and staff. Dobbins also commented on the student’s effectiveness. Jill summarized the training and preparatory work she did with the students.
6. **Department Head/Area Director Report-**
 - a. FoodWise/County Agreement Letter. Brief review. Motion by Paape, second by Wagner to recommend County Administrator approve, motion carried.
 - b. Burke reported that one budget proposal for the state includes funding for additional agents, if passed and UW has flexibility with the funding Extension could field a small number of state/regional outreach programmers/specialists. Committee expressed agreement with a Water Quality resource educator in this region, and based in Kewaunee County. Will consider a resolution at the county board level expressing our willingness to place such a specialist here in Kewaunee County. Kewaunee is at the center of water quality solutions being developed, being used as a model/example. It makes sense for a water resources educator to be based here, with regional responsibilities.
 - c. On the merger of email systems Chuck inquired and Burke responded he is working with IT to ensure no cutting of email to county agents will occur abruptly.
7. **Travel Requests:** Jill Jorgensen request to travel to conferences to deliver two presentations. No county funding required, only her time. Motion by Garry second by Mary Ellen to approve, all aye, request granted.
8. **Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates.** May 8, 8:30 AM; June 12th, 8:30 AM
9. **Call to adjourn by Chuck, second by Dobins, all aye.** Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Burke

April 30, 2019