

MINUTES
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, August 7, 2019
8:30 AM

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1. **Meeting Called to order** at 8:31 AM by Chairman Tom Romdenne
2. **Roll Call** - Committee members present: Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Mary-Ellen Dobbins, Chuck Wagner. Educators present: Jill Jorgensen, Aerica Bjurstrom, Excused: Renee Koenig. Also present: Rob Burke, Area Extension Director.
3. **Motion by Dobbins, second by Wagner to approve the agenda**, and the minutes of July 3, 2019. All aye. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Input** - None
5. **Educators Reports** –
 - a. **Ag Agent Aerica Bjurstrom reported on the farm financial crisis affecting local producers. Milk prices are recovering a small amount in late 2019 but not on a rate that will show rapid improvement.**
 - b. **Renee Koenig, Human Relationships and Family Living Educator also reported on programming efforts to address the farm financial and mental health crisis.**
 - c. **Youth 4-H Agent Jill Jorgensen reported the fair was successful for the youth/4-H participants. Their experiences will be valuable life lessons and lifetime friendships were built.**
6. **Department Head/Area Director Report-**
 - a. **Burke presented a “cost to continue” budget proposal and will forward it to the Finance Director in compliance with the budget schedule. Discussion resulted in a request to include funding for new presentation (laptop) equipment.**
7. **Joint Meeting Discussion:** Meeting will be September 5, PARS research station in Sturgeon Bay, 1 PM.
8. **Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates.** September 4, 2019 8:30 am regular meeting, September 5, 2019 Joint Door/Kewaunee Meeting PARS Sturgeon Bay, 1 pm.
9. **Call to adjourn by Paape, second by Wagner, all aye.** Meeting adjourned at 9:14 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Burke

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