

MINUTES
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI.
Wednesday, July 1, 2020 - 8:30 AM

Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to order** at 8:34 AM by Chairman Tom Romdenne
2. **Roll Call** - Committee members present: Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Chuck Wagner Excused; Matt Piesler. Also present: Rob Burke, Area Extension Director. Educators present (via Zoom): Aerica Bjurstrom, Jill Jorgensen, Renee Koenig, Laura Apfelbeck, FoodWise Coordinator for Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc. Public Access: Remote via internet channel.
3. **Motion by Paape, second by Wagner to approve the agenda and minutes of June 3, 2020.** All aye, carried.
4. **Public Input** – None
5. **Educators Reports** –

Aerica Bjurstrom: Aerica reported on her work collecting alfalfa samples, and scissor clips. And responded to a question by Chuck regarding corn as a green or cover crop. Also updated on Dairy Worker Training revisions. Aerica submitted a media package to the National Association of County Agriculture Agents and was selected as the Wisconsin winner. She will have further consideration for the national winner.

Jill Jorgensen: Jill reported on the increasing number of programs and virtual meetings being done by 4-H groups. Many opportunities for club and county projects are emerging and coming to fruition. Jill partnered with a highly regarded horse clinician, Sara Novotny, to provide several clinics hosted by Kewaunee County 4-H. She also reported on her participation and support to generate a successful Social Distance Edition of the annual raffle for Kewaunee County 4-H.

Renee Koenig: Renee's report highlighted her work providing classes for Divorcing Parents and Families, which is court ordered. Also highlighted partnering with bi-lingual nutrition educators to offer programming in Literacy for Health and Well-being. This project addresses three of Kewaunee County's major health concerns – Obesity, physical inactivity, and social isolation. Fielded a question from Tom on school reopening plans around the county.

- Laura Apfelbeck, FoodWise Coordinator for Door, Kewaunee, and Manitowoc Counties gave a report via zoom on the project to distribute food items from the USDA to local food pantries. The project has been very successful in Kewaunee as well as elsewhere in the region.

6. **Department Head/Area Director Report-**
 - a. Burke informed the committee that his retirement from the UW will be effective August 31. Interim plans to assure continuity are being put in place. Judy

Knudsen who is currently the Area Extension Director for Brown County will serve as an interim.

- b. Burke reported on the need to consider postponing until next year this year's joint Door-Kewaunee meeting because of a number of factors, including: 1) The COVID restrictions on meeting make travel from the farm yard to the barn difficult and impractical, also 2) there is still no Door County Ag Agent to partner with, and 3) the Superintendent is still very new (started in June) and should be provided some more time to settle in to her roll and provide a comprehensive report. The Committee decided to discuss this again at the next meeting and make a decision.
7. Next meeting dates: August 5, 8:30 a.m., September 2, and the tentative joint meeting on Thursday, September 10 1PM
8. **Call to adjourn by Chuck, second by Gary, all aye.** Meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Burke

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