

MINUTES
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Thursday, June 6, 2019
8:30 AM

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1. **Meeting Called to order** at 8:33 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 Paape, second by Dobbins to approve the agenda**, and the minutes of May 8, 2019. All aye. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Input** - None
5. **Educators Reports** – Jill elaborated on her presentation at the National Extension Conference on Volunteerism. She presented to a multi-state audience on online volunteer orientations and training of leaders. Rural Safety day was a big success. Aerica reported that in the past year 722 dairy farms have ceased dairy operations in Wisconsin, Kewaunee lost 2. She also reiterated the need for a Farm Facilities Engineer specialist in Extension. Master Gardener training is now over, very successful and volunteers are becoming more active as well. UW-Platteville is doing research on alternative uses for milk, more farms are going to herds that are partially beef cattle.
6. **Department Head/Area Director Report**- No change in educators use of county email, Burke will monitor the issue.
7. Dissolution of WACEC/Creation of WEXA. Review and action: **Consent Resolution of the Members of Associated County Extension Committees, Inc.:** Discussion of the history of WACEC and how the proposal by the WCA to dissolve WACEC and create WEXA came about. Motion by Wagner, second by Dobbins to approve signing of consent form to allow WACEC dissolution and creation of WEXA. All aye, motion carried.
8. Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates. July 3, 2019 8:30 AM and August 7, 8:30 AM.
9. **Call to adjourn by Paape, second by Wagner, all aye.** Meeting adjourned at 9:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Burke

June 18, 2019