

MINUTES
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, June 3, 2020 - 8:30 AM

Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to order** at 8:32 AM by Chairman Tom Romdenne
2. **Roll Call** - Committee members present: Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Matt Piesler. Excused; Chuck Wagner. Also present: Rob Burke, Area Extension Director. Educators present (via Zoom): Aerica Bjurstrom, Jill Jorgensen, Renee Koenig. Public Access: Remote via internet channel.
3. **Motion by Paape, second by Piesler to approve the agenda and minutes of May 6, 2020.** All aye, carried.
4. **Public Input** – None
5. **Elect Vice Chair for the Extension Committee:** Matt Piesler nominated Gary Paape. Chairman Romdenne called three times for additional nominations. Call for nominations to close and a unanimous ballot be cast for Gary Paape to serve as Vice Chair. All aye. Motion Carried.
6. **Educators Reports** –

Renee Koenig: Question by Paape regarding the outcome of the USDA Farmers to Families food deliveries to pantries and others in Kewaunee County. Renee elaborated on the distribution process. Burke noted he would invite the regional FoodWise Coordinator to present to the committee at our next meeting.

Aerica Bjurstrom: In response to a question by Paape, Aerica noted she will be sending a copy of ag facilities rental survey to all members of the County Board.

Jill Jorgensen: Committee discussed alternative activities and programs that may benefit young people and 4-H'rs in Kewaunee county. Also reported livestock shows may be held statewide developed by a private non-profit entity, Extension is reviewing their options for authorizing our 4-H youth to participate. There are questions of participants' risk and liability that Extension needs to account for.

7. Department Head/Area Director Report-

- a. Burke reported that all functions of the Extension Office and Educators are continuing. University directives to all faculty and staff require tele-working of all but the most essential employees (example were employees to maintain experimental materials/animals/plants).
 - b. Burke reviewed the refilling of open positions in light of Extension being under a hiring freeze.
8. Next meeting dates July 1 8:30 a.m.(Matt Piesler is Excused from the July 1 meeting); August 5, September 2, and the proposed joint meeting on Thursday, September 10 1PM
 9. **Call to adjourn by Matt, second by Gary, all aye.** Meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Burke

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