

**MINUTES**  
**Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting**  
**810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI**  
**Wednesday, October 2, 2019**  
**8:30 AM**

Minutes

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, Renee Koenig. Also present: Rob Burke, Area Extension Director, Louise Wolfe
3. **Motion by Dobbins, second by Wagner to approve the agenda**, and the minutes of the September 4 regular meeting and the September 6 Joint Door/Kewaunee meeting.
4. **Public Input** – Louise Wolfe indicated she had information to provide regarding the 2020 budget proposal to eliminate one extension administrative support position. The topic will be covered in the Department Head Report noted in the agenda.
5. **Educators Reports** –

Jill Jorgensen: In 4-H/Youth Development 2019 has been a great year for Kewaunee County youth in both the educational and showing competitions at the State Horse Expo. Kewaunee County youth teams dominated in a number of educational contests. They received top ten awards in senior horse judging, the junior horse judging, junior team problems, and senior team problems. Several other individuals earned grands, reserves, and top ten award in many other horse educational projects. In the riding classes, youth participants received a number of reserve champion and top ten awards.

Renee Koenig: Elaborated on several educational programs she is doing in partnership with the ADRC of the Lakeshore, Violence Intervention Project, Bellin Health, Kewaunee County Human Services and Kewaunee County Emergency Management. These include:

- Caring For Children Who Have Experienced Trauma – 16 hour workshop
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers of Children With Special Health Needs – 12 hour workshop
- Parents Forever – 4 hour class
- Mental Health First Aid – 8 hour course

Renee has also been going to the child care centers to provide instruction on Trauma-Informed Care and Taking Care of You. She is delivering this education in partnership with Carol Stuebs, the Kewaunee County Birth to Three Program Coordinator.

Aerica Bjurstrom: **Corn Dry Down** – The summer of 2019 has been one for the record books. Planting season was delayed 6-8 weeks due to excessive spring rains and continued rain during late August into September brought record-breaking rain for 2019. The excessive rain as corn was getting ready for silage harvest delayed the harvest for most farmers. A combination of rain and the lack of warmth delayed the maturation of corn. Corn silage harvest will be challenging because of the inconsistent maturity of the

crop and completely saturated fields. We also held corn dry downs on September 23, where 92 were submitted with an average of 73% moisture. On-site moisture testing was offered on September 23 and samples collected on September 30 in Door County were delivered to the laboratory in De Pere. The event is made possible through generous donations from local sponsors.

**6. Department Head/Area Director Report-**

- a. Burke reviewed the 2020 extension budget development process. Louise Wolf presented input into the impact of the budget proposal to eliminate her position. Relevant discussion as to purposes and justification of proposal ensued. The proposed elimination and a proposal to move the extension office to the Expo Hall were discussed. Tom and Chuck will ask the administrator to put the proposals on Finance and Personnel meeting agendas. Burke indicated he will put all the issues, concerns and perspectives of the Extension Office in writing to the County Administrator by Friday, October 4.
7. Travel request by Jill Jorgensen was made for a professional conference, no county funds are needed for the conference travel and expenses. Motion by Chuck, Second by Gary, all aye, motion carried.
8. Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates November 6, December 4 at 8:30 AM 810 Lincoln.
9. **Call to adjourn by Paape, second by Wagner, all aye.** Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:



October 7, 2019