

MINUTES
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, September 4, 2019
8:30 AM

Minutes

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, Renee Koenig. Also present: Rob Burke, Area Extension Director.
3. **Motion by Paape, second by Dobbins to approve the agenda**, and the minutes of August 7, 2019. All aye. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Input** - None
5. **Educators Reports** –

Aerica Bjurstrom, Renee Koenig, and Jill Jorgensen took questions on the activities and accomplishments described in the Agents' written reports. Aerica elaborated on visits of international farmers to area operations; Jill cited her work on the state horse group and how it provides a quality educational experience and lifelong lessons; Renee elaborated on the Mental Health programming, Mental Health First Aid, and Core matters.
6. **Department Head/Area Director Report-**
 - a. Burke informed the committee of likely budget proposals in the County Administrator's recommended budget, to be presented on Sept. 17. The proposals will call for moving the extension office to the Expo Hall in Luxemburg, target date for completion is June 2020. Also, the budget will likely call for elimination of one of the two full-time program assistant positions in the extension office. Some discussion on the impacts of the budget proposals to office and educator performance. Burke will visit the Expo Hall and provide a report on the feasibility and logistics of the move to the committee at the next meeting.
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.** October 2 and Nov. 6, 8:30 am.
9. **Call to adjourn by Paape, second by Wagner, all aye.** Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Burke

September 4, 2019

**Minutes of the
Joint KEWAUNEE/DOOR COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION
EDUCATION COMMITTEES Meeting
Thursday, September 5, 2019, 1:00 pm
Peninsular Agricultural Research Station, 4312 Hwy. 42, Sturgeon Bay**



1. The meeting was called to order by R. Halstead at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll call:

Door Committee:

Randy Halstead

Linda Wait (*excused*)

Nancy Robillard

Director

Bob Bultman

Vinni Chomeau

Extension Educators:

Annie Deutsch

Others Present:

Rob Burke, AED/Dept. Head

Dan Kielar, Hort. Tech (PARS)

Mike Peters, CALS/Research Station

Peter Devlin (media)

Kewaunee Committee: Extension Educators:

Thomas Romdenne

Aerica Bjurstrom

Gerald Paape

Mary Ellen Dobbins

Charles Wagner

3. Motion by N. Robillard, seconded by B. Bultman, to approve the agenda. All aye. Motion carried.

4. Welcome and Introductions

5. Door-Kewaunee Joint Programming and skill sharing in crops and soils/dairy and livestock.

Annie Deutsch: Annie distributed a written report (attached). Annie discussed the cover crop plots that she and Jaime Patton put in as a result of Aerica and her grains and forage meeting on June 13. These plots were a direct response to questions producers had regarding the challenging spring growing conditions. Annie also discussed the grape fungicide project she has ongoing at PARS, which she had received a grant from the Kewaunee County Farm Tech Days. Information from the cover crop plots are being compiled into publications that will be available statewide.

Aerica Bjurstrom: Aerica distributed a written report (attached). Aerica discussed programs that she has done in the past year in Door and Kewaunee counties, including the alfalfa scissor cutting project, alfalfa persistency project, and corn dry down. She also talked about how she has been intentional to invited Door County residents to meetings she has. Aerica works to provide the same opportunities to Door County farmers as Kewaunee County farmers. Four dairies have shut down in 2018-19.

6. PARS Update & Report: PARS is becoming more than cherries, apples and grapes. They still provide valuable information to fruit growers, including their scouting program and various research trials. Beyond fruit, they work with small grains breeders in Madison to plant variety trials, they have been involved with cover crop plots with Annie and Jamie, and they are just about to begin a pollinator planting project that is a collaboration with the Fish and Wildlife Service. For the first time in a number of years, they have potatoes planted in the ground at the station, as the USDA potato genebank continues to research different strains of potatoes.

7. At 2:39 pm, the committees traveled to Door 44 Winery and reconvened at 2:45 pm.

8. Meeting Per Diem Code: #905.

9. Adjourn: Motion by V. Chomeau, seconded by C. Wagner, to adjourn the meeting. All aye.
Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Rob Burke, Recording Secretary