

Minutes
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds, 625 Third Street, Luxemburg, WI 54216
2:00 PM

Agenda

1. Call to Order; Chair Lukes called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Supervisor Lukes, Supervisor Paape, Supervisor Langteau, Supervisor Lazansky. Educators: Jace Purdy, Aerica Bjurstrom, Renee Koenig, and Patrick Nehring. UW-Green Bay Dietetic Intern Iuliia Aleksieieva, and Area Extension Director Judy Knudsen. Excused: Supervisor Kinnard. Absent: Supervisor Augustian.
3. Approval of Agenda and Review/Approval of Minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion made by Supervisor Langteau and seconded by Supervisor Lazansky to approve the February 14, 2024 agenda and minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting. Motion carried all voting aye.
4. Public Input – None.
5. Educators Reports – Written/Narrative/Q/A

Aerica Bjurstrom, Regional Dairy Educator shared she met with Michigan State University on an upcoming research project. She is working in collaboration with Colorado State University to better understand the practices and challenges associated with transportation of pre-weaned calves from farm, hauler and receiver (calf raiser). Plans for women in agriculture program, VITAL (Valuably Informed Thriving Agricultural Leader) was shared.

Renee Koenig, Human Development & Relationships Educator provided update on Healthy Living series being offered in Algoma and Luxemburg. The Aging Friendly Coalition continues to meet with strong attendance. Positive evaluation results from the Planning AHEAD Program were shared as this program is motivating older adults to take action in planning for the future.

Patrick Nehring, Community Development Educator provided update on non-profit leader conversation held in January 2024. A regional meeting on broadband will be held in Green Bay. Over 200 people have registered for the upcoming session on writing grants. Video on licensing for food businesses and farm operations has been completed.

Jace Purdy, FoodWise Educator shared Iuliia Aleksieieva, Dietetics Intern developed recipe cards that were distributed at local food pantries. An impact report focused on FoodWise efforts in Kewaunee County was shared. Efforts are underway to obtain EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) machines for farmers markets in Wisconsin.

6. Department Head/Area Director Report – Judy Knudsen
 - a. Interviews for the 4-H Program Educator position were completed.

7. Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates. There will not be an EEAC meeting in March. Next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024.
8. Adjourn: Motion made by Supervisor Paape and seconded by Supervisor Langteau to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried all voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Knudsen

The Committee welcomes all visitors to listen and observe, but only Committee members and those invited to speak will be permitted to do so. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to attend or participate should contact the County Administrator's Office at (920) 388-7164 prior to the meeting so that accommodations may be arranged.

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Regional Dairy

Aerica Bjurstrom, Regional Dairy Educator

Events, Meetings, Webinars

- Planning for a program for women in agriculture (VITAL - Valuably Informed Thriving Agricultural Leader) in Northeastern WI. The goal of this effort is to teach individuals the latest, unbiased, university-based research on Artificial AI in the dairy industry, dairy emerging disease threats, and thinking beyond your paycheck so that they can improve farm efficiencies and increase farm business viability.
- A webinar for dairy owner/operators, herds managers and employees, and agribusiness professionals where they learned how to rethink employee training and onboarding and interactively train employees to move cattle to improve farm business viability, environmental sustainability, and food safety while maintaining animal welfare and wellbeing.

Communications

- A factsheet series for dairy farmers, managers, employees, and agribusiness professionals on hoof health management of the dairy herd. The effort is designed to teach individuals the importance of understanding hoof health economics, footbath management, footbath design, lameness in heifers, and nutrition's impact on hoof health. Understanding these topics and the impact they have on herd health should result in a more productive, healthy, and profitable herd.
- A video series (Dairy Digitals) for farmers and dairy consultants focusing on herd health management such as finding the sick cow and finding the off cow. Additional videos on health issues such as metritis and ketosis are also part of the series. The videos will be available online and translated into Spanish.
- A video, Transition cow management, which is part of a series on herd health and well-being (Five Minute Farm Focus) for dairy farmers and agriculture professionals. The purpose of this video is to inform dairy farmers and agriculture professionals of dairy farm practices that improve the health and well-being of the dairy herd, thus improving farm profitability and viability.

Research

- A field study data collection in collaboration with Colorado State University to better understand the practices and challenges associated with transportation of pre-weaned dairy heifer, dairy bull, and beef x dairy calves from the source (dairy farms), hauler, and receiver (calf raiser). Results from this study will help dairy farmers, managers, haulers, calf raisers, and the dairy community in adopting practices and improving transportation welfare to improve farm business viability and food safety.

Alice in Dairyland Finals - I am serving on the Alice in Dairyland Finals committee that sets up monthly tours for the current Alice, Ashley Hagenow.

We started the day at Salmon's Meat Products, visited Ebert Enterprises dairy/beef/harvest facilities, Country Ovens, LTD, Olson Family Farm, and finished up at Homestead - Kitchen & Tap. We learned about meat processing, diversification, dairy and beef production, and value-added cherry products. Northeast Wisconsin has incredible agriculture businesses producing unique and local products. Thank you to all our hosts, it was a terrific day. The selection of the 77th Alice in Dairyland will take place on May 4, 2023 at Stone Harbor Resort in Sturgeon Bay.





Families, Finances & Health

Renee Koenig, Human Development & Relationships Educator

Healthy Living Classes

The Healthy Living Classes continue to meet weekly in Luxemburg and Algoma.

The topics in January included:

- Brain Health and Memory Skills
- Decluttering and Rightsizing
- Goals & Aspirations or Bucket Lists
- Safety and Health Screenings
- Nutrition Vital Signs



Aging-Friendly Community

The Aging-Friendly Kewaunee County coalition continues to meet to address the needs of our older population. One of our key objectives is to reduce loneliness and its negative impact on health by promoting volunteer work and social activities.

Short videos that highlight the Mastery Maker volunteers who are over age 60 are linked here: <https://kewaunee.extension.wisc.edu/families-finances-wellness/mastery-makers/>

Family Life Skills Education

WeCOPE is a title for “We Can Cope by using Our Positive Emotions” workshop is a series of lessons to help individuals change negative behavior patterns and learn positive skills for coping with anger and stress. Co-parenting education for divorcing parents is another class that provides life skills education for families. The Strong Couples program is also provided weekly for families to practice communication skills that strengthen their relationships.

Financial Education Impacts – Planning AHEAD Program

93%

in a 4-month follow-up survey said they are either done with their plans, actively working on them, or committed to completing their plans (compared to 37% before the course)

99%

of participants in 2023 learned enough in the course to move forward with planning

100%

will tell a friend or family member about something important they learned during this program

Participant Feedback:



- I lost my husband in January and have all this great information and know what I need to get done. It is hard because we didn't have any children and we were married for 34 1/2 years. These sessions have help me more than you will ever know. THANK YOU!!!
- This workshop really motivated me to make the end-of-life decisions that I need to make. Thank you for that.
- Excellent - learned so much beyond what I know as a funeral director and pastor on what to do in pre-planning to have all plans in place with finances, estate, etc.
- I knew it needed to be done, but I needed an "action plan". You provided that.



Community Development

Patrick Nehring, Community Development Agent/Professor

Education and Consultations

- A facilitated conversation with nonprofit leaders in Northeast Wisconsin where participants learned about inclusive communication and connecting marketing to culture in order to make their organization inviting to people with different cultural backgrounds.
- Educational meetings with economic development professionals where they learned about resources, assistance, and programs available to organizations and entrepreneurs in Brown and Kewaunee Counties. The purpose of this effort is to support NEW North and NEWREP in achieving their goal to improve the economy and quality of life in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Planning

- Planning for a basic grant proposal workshop for local government, businesses, and organization members and staff. The goal of this effort is for people to learn how to find, write and apply for grants so that they can carry out the activities of their organization, business, or government unit.
- Preparing a video about food business regulations as part of a series of videos for food and farm entrepreneurs. The goal of this video is for entrepreneurs to learn the different types of licenses and permits need to operate various food businesses, so they know to look for and apply for these licenses and permits before offering or investing in their product or service.
- Planning for a series of nine regional 1-day, in-person workshops for community officials, leaders, and broadband committee volunteers in collaboration with the Wisconsin Counties Association, Public Service Commission/WI Broadband Office, WI Economic Development Corporation, and more. The goal of this effort is for the participants to gain knowledge and skills in broadband permitting requirements, engagement and endorsement, and engage in peer learning so they can build public-private partnerships that meet their community's needs, increasing economic opportunity and quality of life for all community members.

FoodWise Nutrition Education

Laura Apfelbeck, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator

Nutrition Education

- Partnership with University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's Dietetics program. Through this program, FoodWise works with dietetic interns in their master's program to support local nutrition education programming, expand the reach of the FoodWise program, build awareness of Extension programs, and create healthier people and communities.



Iulia Aleksieieva, a Dietetic Intern enrolled at UW-Green Bay, is completing a 6-week internship with the FoodWise program. Iulia lives in Kewaunee and is learning how FoodWise incorporates nutrition education to serve low-income people. She created pictorial recipes for Kewaunee Co Food Pantry featuring pinto beans and lentils, helping pantry shoppers better use the abundance of beans and lentils currently available.



- Management, recruitment, leadership, oversight and retention of HeartCorps Member serving Manitowoc, Kewaunee, and Door Counties. The goal of this effort is to build health leadership capacity, provide a service opportunity for those interested in driving health equity in rural America, and create healthier communities.



HeartCorps member Mariah Broehm created this February Heart Month display for Kewaunee County Food Pantry. Her display is in English and Spanish, as requested by pantry manager Ken Marquardt.



- An effort to spotlight healthy foods available at the Kewaunee County Food Pantry to promote healthy eating and underutilized nutrient-dense foods among pantry users.