

MINUTES
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
County Board Room
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Wednesday, October 7, 2020
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order – Supervisor Romdenne called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Roll Call – Committee members present: Supervisor Romdenne, Supervisor Paape, and Supervisor Wagner. Educators present: Aerica Bjurstrom, Jill Jorgensen and Renee Koenig along with Area Extension Director Judy Knudsen. Absent: Supervisor Piesler.
3. Approval of Agenda Motion made by Supervisor Paape and seconded by Supervisor Wagner to approve the agenda. Motion carried, all voting aye.
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the September 2, 2020 and September 9, 2020 meeting minutes - Motion made by Supervisor Wagner and seconded by Supervisor Paape to approve minutes of the September 2, 2020 and September 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried, all voting aye.
5. Public Input – No public input.
6. Educators Reports – Written/Narrative/Q/A (VIA REMOTE/ZOOM)
Aerica Bjurstrom was recognize for a national communication award she recently received. Comments were shared related to working in three counties. She provided update on change of format for silage dry down which worked well. Discussed proposal to fund additional agriculture educator positions. The Agriculture and Extension Education Committee is willing to contact local legislators requesting their support of this funding request.
Jill Jorgenson shared information regarding activities to occur during National 4-H Week and provided information on yard signs to be displayed throughout the county promoting 4-H. Joe and Linda Pribeck, long time 4-H leaders are part of the 2020 Hall of Fame Laureates which includes nine volunteers, supporters and staff. Discussed recognizing them at an upcoming County Board meeting with a proclamation. Implemented new project which involves youth enrolled in the Exploring 4-H project having opportunity to purchase supplies that will be used over a period of time for completing various 4-H projects.
Renee Koenig shared she has been delivering a significant amount of education in the area of Human Development and Relationships to county residents. Discussed the importance of the Strong Women program both physically and mentally for older participants who need to maintain physical strength and address loneliness of being home bound.
7. Department Head/Area Director Report – Judy Knudsen
 - a. Extension Updates – Extension is anticipating a 1 to 1.3 million dollar cut in funding that is part of a larger cut to state agencies.

- b. Joint Meeting with Door County – Will plan to have a joint meeting in 2021 when able to meet face-to-face with in a larger group.
 - c. Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days – need to plan for both face-to-face and virtual meetings not knowing what 2021 will bring. Priorities need to be identified by each county.
8. Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates – November 4, 2020 and December 2, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.
 9. Adjourn – Motion made by Supervisor Paape and seconded by Supervisor Wagner to adjourn meeting at 9:12 a.m. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted by:

Judy Knudsen

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