

Agriculture & Extension Committee Meeting
March 3, 2014
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room

Minutes

Call to Order:

Chairman David Mayer called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call:

Members included: Dave Mayer, Don Delebreaux, Ron Paider, and Bob Garfinkel. Aerica Bjurstrom, Agriculture Agent, Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator also attended.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion made by Ron and seconded by Don to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

A motion made by Don and seconded by Ron to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Input:

None

Educators' Reports: Complete Written Reports are attached.

Aerica commented briefly on Pesticide Training, Meat Animal Quality Assurance and the Heavy Traffic Committee. Details are in her attached report.

Claire's report centered on her work to support the Local Food System Economy, programming that supports local food producers. She reported on a workshop that educated producers in many aspects such as food promotions, licensing, labeling requirements, recalls and all aspects of food safety.

Jill reported on Project Day held on March 1, 2014 at L-C High School. Over 100 school age children participated. Children could choose from 17 available classes based on their interests...

Overtime:

None

Other Business as Allowed by Law:

Aerica shared a letter sent to the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days Board of Directors that accompanied our application to host the 2017 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days show. The April application deadline has been met and we are waiting for confirmation from their Board.

Approval – Travel:

None

Approval of Bills:

Ron moved to approve all bills presented and Don seconded. Motion passed.

Set Next Meeting Date:

After discussion, the next meeting date was set for April 7, 2014 at 4:00 pm.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Ron and seconded by Don. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Garfinkel
Secretary

Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for March 3, 2014

Pesticide Applicator Training - Landowners who want to apply chemicals to their crops must have taken the Pesticide Applicator Training (PAT) every five years in order to purchase pesticides. The program curriculum has been developed by the WI Department of Ag, Trade, and Consumer Protection and UW-Extension. This year two programs were held in Kewaunee and Door County and 9 people were certified/recertified in Kewaunee County.

Meat Animal Quality Assurance – Held Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) at Luxemburg-Casco High School. The program is held three times (February, April, June) and is required for all youth intending to sell an animal at the livestock auction at the fair. The program is required annually and covers a variety of topics relating to meat animal quality assurance. Seventy-three youth participated in the training in February. The next MAQA is scheduled for April 26 at the fairgrounds. This year's program focuses on biosecurity and drug residues. This is particularly important this year since there has been an outbreak of porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDV) in the United States and six cases confirmed in Wisconsin this year. The outbreak of PEDV has resulted in a ban of all spring weigh-ins for fair hogs in Wisconsin and Kewaunee County will also enforce a terminal show at the 2014 fair which means all hogs going to the fair will be slaughtered and will not be allowed to return home.

CAFO meeting – Attended and presented at the WI DNR and UW-Extension Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) meeting in Green Bay. The meeting was presented by UW-Extension and DNR staff and was focused on CAFO operators, service people and educators. Topics of the meeting were new DNR regulations for CAFO operators, EPA regulations/inspections for dairy farms, an Implement of Husbandry (IoH) committee report, and I presented on compromised cattle issues on farms. The meeting was attended by approximately 150 people, many of which were from Kewaunee County.

JBS Tour – Normally I offer a cattle feeder meeting in February, but due to low attendance the last two years, I decided to change the venue and offer a tour of a packing plant in Green Bay. JBS Packerland has been very open to hosting tours for producers, so I arranged for a tour in February. I had interest from over 80 people. The plant can only handle about 20 people on a tour at a time, so I arranged for three tours in February and an alternate date in March. The tour consisted of following the process of the animal from arriving at JBS to the shipping freezer. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to see where their beef (both steers and cull dairy cows) are processed and how the USDA manages large scale processors like JBS. Due to high interest in the tour, I will probably offer more throughout the year.

Milk Quality Meeting – Held a milk quality meeting at the fairgrounds. Dr. Pam Ruegg, Dr. Doug Reinemann from UW-Madison presented on milk residues and milking equipment and I presented on record keeping. Twelve producers from Kewaunee, Door, Manitowoc, and Brown County attended.

Heavy Traffic Committee – The Heavy Traffic Committee met in February to discuss the impending legislation on the new IoH rules regarding farm equipment on the roads. The committee will hold an informational meeting for towns on March 20 at the Highway Department. Cheryl Skjolaas will be in attendance and new recommended guidelines will be presented to the towns regarding labeling roads for structural integrity to keep the new IoH permitting process efficient.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

March 3, 2014

Project Day: The Kewaunee County annual Project Day was held on Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 9:30am until 2:45 pm. Over 100 participants took part in this education day. The number of participants has doubled since I began working with it in 2005. Youth (both 4-H and non 4-H members) participated in four hands-on project classes throughout the day. Youth could choose from the seventeen available classes based on their interests. Older youth members and adults conducted classes on topics ranging from robots and dog care to fabric painting and finger knitting. This low cost program provides a safe, fun, and interactive day of activities for the youth. Many parents and youth commented that the event was educational, fun, and well organized. Not only does the program provide the youth with new life skills, but it also is a good method for promoting the 4-H program in Kewaunee County.

Lego Robotics: In February, youth in the robotics project met to discuss the project for the upcoming year. The program has been in existence for 3 years and we have begun to split the youth into teams of experienced and younger members. We provided a platform for youth input at this first meeting to drive what the youth will be doing throughout the year. Also, we worked on expectations and information needed to begin the program.

4-H Teen Association Fundraisers: In February we were busy working with the 4-H teen association on three different fundraisers for the year. The fundraisers provide funding for the teens to plan activities, support community efforts, and provide a \$500.00 scholarship for a fellow 4-H member. The teens were highly engaged throughout this process and learned a great number of life skills through the fund raising experience.

MAQA: I worked together with Aerica and a youth members to help teach the younger members at the annual Meat Animal Quality Assurance program. Aerica is the lead for this program and I supported her programming by working with younger 4-H members on two hands on activities that focused on the consumer food chain and what residue means in animals. The youth enjoyed and gained important knowledge through this program.

Students Talking About Respect (STAR): I met with community coalition partners from the Violence Intervention Project and Human Services to prepare for the upcoming STAR program. We are working to deliver the program to 5th and 6th grade students at two school districts this Spring. Currently, we are restructuring curriculum pieces to ensure we have the best teaching elements included in the program. The program will begin in the school in mid-March.

Upcoming Events that I am working on:

Camp: The overall camp planning is well under way for the 2013 summer camp season. We will be holding summer camp June 10-13 at Camp Bird with Door and Calumet. We are currently in the process of recruiting counselors and looking for other staff members such as life guards. Finding counselors with great leadership skills is an integral part of having a successful camp. Currently, counselor forms are due back to the UW-Extension office by February 14th. Camp counselor interviews will be in March. We are currently planning a camp counselor overnight training experience in May at Camp Bird. This will give counselors from the three counties an opportunity to work together as a team and better acclimate themselves to camp.



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Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension

Activities Report for February 2014

Family Living Web Pages

I have updated the content and layout of my Family Living web pages on the county Extension website. Your feedback is welcome as I continue to improve the site.

Home Alone Program

This program helps parents prepare their children to follow family guidelines and be safe during self-care. I am collaborating with Manitowoc County UWEX to develop videos to accompany the curriculum.

Parenting Educational Resources

Parenting the First Years Newsletter - I am continuing to identify additional dissemination opportunities and cost-saving methods. The Public Health Department has agreed to spread the word about our electronic newsletter option. Parentetical - I am promoting this website/blog/social network to parents of 10-16 year olds. Grandparenting - I am preparing a workshop for a Grandparent support group.

Supporting Children During Divorce

This is a four hour program for court-ordered parents who are experiencing divorce. I have been reviewing the curriculum and class material. I am exploring ways to increase the number of participants in class.

Family Financial Education

I completed Certified Application Counselor training as part of the Affordable Care Act UW Extension project. I provided one-on-one financial coaching to consumers. I am continuing to make inter-agency connections for referrals of low-income families to Energy Services, housing assistance programs, Veteran's Assistance, ADRC, Door Dental Clinic, Partners for Community Development, Inc. and FISC.

Health Literacy Committee

This is a subcommittee of the Literacy Partners of Kewaunee County that focuses on health education. We are planning a Healthy Eating Program on April 10.

Home and Community Education Association (HCE)

I completed a state association orientation and then reviewed and signed the organization's Memo of Agreement with the local association president. I nominated the Wisconsin Bookworm project of HCE for a Volunteer Award.

Rural Safety Day is a safety program for 3rd grade students in the county. I am helping the event planning committee contact presenters and I will also be completing the evaluations at the May event.

Active Community Environments (ACE) Committee

I am working with committee members to plan Safe Routes To School initiatives such as a Bike/Walk to School Day.

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Activities Report for February, 2014
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Local Food System Economy:

- Continued participation and planning for Lakeshore Industry Cluster Initiative – Local Food (formerly Fruit and Vegetable) Cluster to host Beginning Hops Growing and Marketing workshop in March in collaboration with Dean Volenberg in Door County.
- Continued planning and facilitation with the SLO Producers Cooperative.
- Implemented Planning the Best to Avoid the Worst - Food Safety workshop in collaboration with DATCP. Covering licensing, labeling requirements, hazard control and recall plans for food processing businesses. On-farm food safety resources will also be shared for fresh fruit and vegetable farms.
- Planning and preparations for Marketing 201: Getting Products off the Shelve workshop in collaboration with DATCP to be held on March 6th.
- Coordinated planning to apply for a Specialty Crop Block Grant in collaboration with the Wisconsin Local Food Network.
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- Attended Wisconsin Local Food Network Food Summit

Broadband and Digital Literacy:

- Continued planning for Kewaunee County Digital Literacy Education Program in 2014; collaboration and planning activities with KCEDC, Literacy Partners, NWTC, Algoma Library and other community stakeholders in support of effort.

Organizational Development:

- Planning to implement March 9 Introduction to Business Planning Workshop in Kewaunee County.
- Continued planning and priority setting for Kewaunee County Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Task Force.
- Continued planning and facilitation for upcoming programming to maintain Swim programming for Algoma students in collaboration with YMCA in Sturgeon Bay and the City of Algoma Youth Club, with support and participation from Ministry Health Care and Jill Jorgensen, UWEX Youth Development Educator.
- Implementing a Community Survey with the Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department.

Other:

- Conducted Staff 2013 Performance Appraisals
- Attended UWEX CNRED Eastern District In-Service Training