

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
January 7, 2014
4:00 P.M.
Kewaunee County Administration Center
Committee Room

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes
5. Citizen Input
6. Educators Reports – Written
7. Overtime
8. Approval – Travel
9. Approval – Bills
10. Set Future Committee Meeting Dates
11. Adjourn

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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No Zoning Meeting

Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for January 7, 2014

Management Assessment Center – Took part in the second half of training for the Management Assessment Center (MAC), which is offered by the Center for Dairy Profitability. The MAC program evaluates dairy producers (and other enterprises such as grain and fruit crops) on seven aspects of management and communication. The program is meant to help producers communicate and manage their enterprises with self-awareness of their best management attributes. I traveled with my trainer Jerry Clark from Chippewa County to follow up with two local producers who recently took part in the MAC program. Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin funds the two-day program for their members in order to make it affordable for managers to attend.

Ag Plastics Recycling – Attended an informational meeting with a potential agriculture plastics recycling enterprise. A company in Indiana has developed a use for agriculture plastics and a local business owner in the Appleton area is looking to start a business collecting and delivering plastic to the buyer. Agriculture plastics companies have come and gone for many years, so before UW-Extension commits to the project, the Appleton business owner needs to prepare a business plan. It is possible on-farm ag plastics pick up will be available in 2014 depending on what pans out with the private business. UW-Extension would provide learning opportunities for dairy producers on how to collect and store plastic for recycling.

OSHA Webinar – Participated in an OSHA Webinar focusing on the new Local Emphasis Program (LEP). New York State is now developing their own OSHA LEP and basing much of their protocols on what Wisconsin has already developed. Some training resources made available to dairy producers in New York are the Dairy Workers' Training modules, specifically the cattle handling module which I developed with another agent and the skid steer training that was developed by the Brown and Outagamie County ag agents. The Wisconsin LEP will continue to be enforced and dairy producers have shown very good cooperation and preparedness for inspections.

Reporting and planning – Planning for 2014 and reporting on 2013 activities was finished. There are 10 producer meetings planned for February, March, and April in/sponsored by Kewaunee County. New meetings added to the agenda this year are a slaughter plant tour at JBS in Green Bay and a horse health program involving local veterinarians and the state Extension horse specialist. The program will be held at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds and feature hands-on work with horses.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

January 7, 2014

4-H Teen Association: The 4-H Teen Association took part in the annual Kewaunee County Toys for Tots campaign. The group has worked with the program for the last 3 years. I worked with the youth to make this a service learning project for the group. Service learning goes beyond community service and engages the members at levels of the service process. One of the major activities that they plan is children's area. This year the activity area child friendly, hands-on activities like decorating cookies, making crafts, and playing games. The children's area allows a parent the time to choose gifts for their family and keep it a surprise.

For the Toys for Tots campaign the 4-H Teen Association issues a challenge to the 4-H community clubs to collect as many gifts as a club as possible. On a specified night, the clubs deliver the toys. They are counted and sorted for delivery to the Toys for Tots program. The teen association sponsors a movie and ice cream party for the group that collects the most toys per member. In addition to toys, this year collected hats and mittens as well. The teen association wanted to make sure that kids had access to warm winter gear in addition to the toys that they receive.

Distribution day is the highlight of this service-learning project. The start of the day begins with the Teen Association helping the Toys for Tots volunteers by unloading, sorting, and grouping the toys for the event. Also, during this time, they set-up their children's activity area to ensure that it is ready to go when the children arrive with their parents. The teens helped sort and set-up the gifts that the children chose for the parents, and collected the food box donations from a local church. Additionally, some of the teen association members were able to go shopping with additional toys with Toys for Tots adult volunteers. When it came time to distribute the toys, some the teens worked with adult volunteers to hand out the toys, some worked in the children's activity area and others worked with the youth to help select them select gifts for their parents. Two of the teens worked with the Spanish speaking youth and adults to help with communication about the different activities.

After the day was over, the teen had many observations. Some of them commented on how important it was to support people in our community, especially children, in need. Other commented on what they learned about themselves through working with the program. For others, it helped them realize the impact programs like this have on other's lives.

4-H Club and Committee Charter Renewal Process: I submitted all of the 4-H charters and financial documents need to be filed with the State 4-H Office. The state office reviewed and accepted the Kewaunee County documents as complete. These documents are then put on file for further review with the IRS as needed.

4-H Centennial WI State Fair Committee: I was asked by the State 4-H Office to co-chair a committee for the WI 4-H Centennial at the WI State Fair. I will be working with a statewide committee of colleagues and youth and adult volunteers to plan the centennial day at the WI State Fair. This committee will be planning this event and looking for ways to create an overall centennial presence at the State Fair. I will be working with this committee through the end of summer.

Upcoming Events

Project Day: The Kewaunee County annual Project Day planning is under way for 2014. The event is tentatively planned for Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 9:30am until 2:45 pm. We are currently seeking older youth and adult presenters as well as volunteers willing to help with the day's activities. Last year we had over 100 youth (both 4-H and non 4-H members) participate and this year we are anticipating more participants. 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.

Winter Leadership Camp: Plans are underway for the 2014 Winter Leadership Camp. Eastern district agents are collaborating to help middle school youth improve their leadership skills focusing on teamwork, communication, decision-making, and planning and organizing through hands-on, interactive workshops. In addition to attending leadership sessions, youth will participate in a variety of recreational choices. I will be presenting workshops on communication and creating a fun 4-H experience. Up to four youth and a chaperone will be able to attend this training.



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Kewaunee County Agriculture and Extension Committee
Activities Report for December, 2013
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Broadband and Digital Literacy:

- Submitted application and received Digital Leaders small grant from the UW Center for Community Technology Solutions to support the initial development of a Kewaunee County Digital Literacy Education Program in 2014; collaboration and planning activities with KCEDC and other community stakeholders in support of effort.

Local Food System Economy:

- Implemented December 5th workshop on Legal Issues for Local Food Producers, in conjunction with DTCAP.
- Continued facilitation and planning for Lakeshore Industry Cluster Initiative – Local Food (formerly Fruit and Vegetable) Cluster work to conduct aggregation feasibility study.
- Planning and facilitation for the development of a Northeast Wisconsin Food Hub in cooperation with the Wisconsin Local Food Network and the Lakeshore Industry Cluster Initiative.
- Planning for Feb-March Hops workshop in Northeast Wisconsin.
- Planning and preparation for February 2014: 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.

Organizational Development:

- Facilitation and priority setting for Kewaunee County Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Task Force.
- Implemented Performance Appraisal workshop for Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department.
- Implemented Super Swim program students in conjunction with the 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.

Other:

- Attended Agricultural Plastics Recycling meeting in Appleton with Aerica Bjurstrom
- Continued work to research and record on-going impacts of the closure of the Kewaunee Power Station.
- Administrative/budget work associated with Department Head role.