Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
March 3, 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. Other Business as allowed by law
8. Overtime
9. Approval – Travel
10. Approval – Bills
11. Set Future Committee Meeting Dates
12. 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.
A majority of the members of the County Board of Supervisors or any of its committees including:
Finance & Public Property, Personnel, Advisory & Legislative, Health, Child Support, & Veterans Service, Human Services, Aging Services Unit Advisory, Extension Education, County Farm, & Zoning, Law Enforcement & Emergency Management, Land & Water Conservation, Highway & Solid Waste, Promotion & Recreation,
May be present at this meeting to listen, observe, and participate. If a majority of any such committee is present, their presence constitutes a "meeting" under the Open Meeting Law as interpreted in State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Board, 173 Wis. 2d 553 (1993), even though the visiting body will take no action at this meeting.

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 scare 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.

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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 identifying additional dissemination opportunities and cost-saving methods. The Public Health Department has agreed to spread the word about our electronic newsletter option. Parenthetical – 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 Libarary 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