

Agriculture & Extension Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room
June 11, 2014
Minutes

Call to Order:

Chairman, Tom Romdenne called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Members included: Tom Romdenne, Bob Garfinkel, Ron Paider, Gary Paape, Aerica Bjurstrom, Agriculture Agent, Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator, Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator and County Board Chairman, Ron Heuer.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider. Motion carried.

Citizen Input: None

A FY2015 County Agreement letter with the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program for a period from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 was approved and signed. The motion to approve was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider. Motion carried.

Claire Thompson informed the committee about a future joint meeting with Door County. Kewaunee County Extension would host the meeting. The date and place are still to be announced.

Aerica Bjurstrom gave an update on the Farm Technology Days to be held in 2017. They are starting the process of selecting committees and committee chairpersons. There will be fourteen different committees and will be in need of many volunteers.

Educators' Report:

Complete written reports are attached.

Overtime: None

Travel Expense: None

Approval of Bills:

Ron Paider moved to approve all bills presented and was motion was seconded by Gary Paape. Motion carried.

Set Next Meeting Date:

July 9th, 2014 at 4:00 pm Kewaunee County Admin. Center, Committee Room

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Paape
Secretary

Ag & Extension Report
Aerica Bjurstrom, Agriculture Agent
Prepared for June 11, 2014

Conservation Day – Held the Conservation Tour for sixth grade students at Kewaunee, Luxemburg-Casco, and the parochial schools in Kewaunee County. I organize the event for the schools and set up tour stops. Stops include Pagel's Ponderosa digester, Kewaunee Fish Hatchery, NEW Plastics, Rosiere Wind Farm, Kewaunee Landfill, and Wagner's managed forest area. Each stop is 45 minutes and the buses travel to each site throughout the day. The program is meant to focus on, and educate the youth on natural resources and renewable energy.

Implements of Husbandry (IoH) – Met with the local committee of heavy traffic regarding the IoH legislation. A plan of work was developed for 2014-2015 and was presented to town's committee members at their quarterly meeting. The road safety pilots will take place in July 2014 after Winter Wheat is harvested and results with recommendations will be presented at the town's meeting in August. A meeting will be held in January for land operators so IoH can be discussed and educate on the rules and regulations of the law.

Healthy Horse Clinic – As a follow up to a horse clinic I planned for April (but canceled), I held a clinic on Washington Island for approximately 25 youth and adult horse owners. State Equine Specialist Liv Sandberg and Oconto County Ag Agent Sarah Mills-Lloyd presented at the program on horse health, first aid kits, parasites, horse behavior/safety, and body condition scoring. This is the first time I have held any programming on Washington Island for livestock, and it was very well received and much appreciated. Evaluations show increased knowledge for both youth and adults in all the topics covered. I may plan another meeting in fall as a follow up, but it will most likely be in the Door Peninsula somewhere.

Rural Safety Day – Hosted approximately 275 children at Rural Safety Day at the fairgrounds. All third grade children in the county attend Rural Safety Day. Thirteen stations were set up for children to visit. Each session was 15 minutes and covered topics such as pet safety, 4-wheeler safety, bully prevention, electrical safety, farmstead safety, wildlife, and many more. I manage the budget for the event and get a grant from the UW Center for Ag Safety and Health and matching fund donation from the Kewaunee County Farm Bureau. I also presented large animal safety at one of the stations at the event.

Scissor Clipping – Scissor Clipping alfalfa samples is an annual event that is put on UW-Extension. Scissor clipping involves selecting several sites around Kewaunee County representing various climates and varieties of alfalfa. I collect samples and take them to the forage lab in DePere. The lab returns a complete analysis of the samples and I in turn send out forage values to a mailing and FAX list of about 300 recipients. Results are also sent to local radio and TV stations where they are shared with listeners/viewer. Because of the very cold and wet spring, this year's results have been especially critical for producers so they were able to follow how the fields were losing feed value. Unfortunately, a significant rain came right at harvest time so much of the crop was not harvested at peak value.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

June 2014

Camp Counselor Training: Together, Kewaunee, Door, and Calumet counties held an overnight camp counselor training at Camp Bird. An overnight and longer training time together would allow the counselors to build stronger relationships and feel more like a team. In addition, as a team of 4-H youth development educators, we were able to provide the best possible educational experience for the teens and we confident that the group was receiving consistent messages about counselor expectations. Overall, this created a better experience for the counselors and ultimately the campers.

Throughout our time together we worked with the counselors on creating inclusive environments, emotional and physical safety ages and stages of child development, the four essential elements of youth development, teambuilding, handling conflict with campers, the importance of having a positive attitude at camp and a variety of other topics aimed at helping them become the best counselor that they can be. In addition, the counselors worked together to plan evening programs, campfires, and flextime activities. Each county will have on additional counselor training before camp. Camp is going to be held June 10th-13th.

Teen group end of the year evaluations: I created and conducted end of the year evaluations with the students from Kewaunee High School involved in the Teens Making a Difference group. The end of the year evaluations help us to better understand how being involved in the group affected their life skills, leadership skills, and youth/adult partnerships. Also, the evaluations help to determine future programming and training needs with the participants.

Rural Safety Day: Together, Aerica Bjurstrom, Renee Koenig, and I worked with Cindy Kinnard and Mary Halada from Public Health to conduct Rural Safety Day. The annual event was held on May 21, 2014. At rural safety day, all third grade students in the county are invited to learn more about safety practices that they should be aware of while living in a rural community. The day in a hands-on, fun, and educational experience. Additionally, I prepare a booklet for the youth to take home with them to remind of the information points that they learned that day. It is our hope that the booklets will promote conversations between family members about the topic of rural safety practices and readiness.

Upcoming Events that I am working on:

Camp: The camp association met and plans are underway for Camp 2014. We will be returning to Camp Bird and camping with Door and Calumet Counties this year during the week of June 10-13. Camp Counselors have been selected and they will be attending training in May. 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. Brochures are available to participants and we already have youth signing-up to attend camp. Summer camp is a great educational experience that aids older youth counselors in developing their leadership skills and campers in gaining hands on skills while interacting with youth from other counties. In the beginning of May we will have an overnight training at Camp Bird for the Camp Counselor team.

Round Robin Showmanship Clinic: I have been working together with a team of youth and adults to be plan the 2nd annual Round Robin Showmanship Workshop. During this workshop older youth and adult presenters work with 4-H members to learn about showmanship. There are eight different species featured at the event and youth move from station to station learning about each species. This is a great opportunity to youth to engage with members and leaders and have a hands-on learning experience.



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Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension

Activities Report for June 2014

Outreach, Information Gathering and Building Networks

I visited the following organizations to learn more about their programs and to explore opportunities for collaboration.

- Food Pantry
- Aging & Disability Resource Center
- Violence Intervention Project
- East Shore Industries
- Dental Clinic
- Forward Service Corporation/Wisconsin Works(W-2) Agency
- FISC Financial Counseling
- Kewaunee County Human Services
- Kewaunee County Public Health
- Kewaunee County Judge & Family Court Commissioner
- Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
- Libraries
- Algoma and Kewaunee Schools

Family Development

My activities for Family Development include:

- Parenting Newsletters
- Supporting Children During Divorce class
- Home Alone Program – preparing children to follow family guidelines and be safe during self-care.
- Home and Community Education Association (HCE) – connecting the group to educational resources.

Family Financial Education

I provide one-on-one budgeting and financial education to families. I am continuing to make inter-agency connections for referrals of low-income families to resources such as housing assistance, veteran's assistance, aging and disability resources, oral health care, consumer credit counseling, employment services, and health insurance access.

Health Education

The following is a list of my Health Education activities:

- Food Safety and Nutrition Education – providing education material and news articles.
- Active Community Environments (ACE) Committee – facilitating coalition meetings and events.
- Rural Safety Day – completing evaluations and thank you letters for the presenters
- Health Literacy Committee – participating in planning events such as Oral Health Education and Back to School Supplies.
- Strong Bones – exploring opportunities to offer strength training in the county.

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

Local Food System Economy:

- Continued research and facilitation for Business Planning and Feasibility Study with the SLO Farmers Co-op to develop a Food Hub serving Northeast Wisconsin.
- Continued planning and support to expand client base at the Farm Market Kitchen in Algoma.
- Continued support to the Wisconsin Local Food Network's bid to develop a Farm to Hospital program.
- Continued support and planning to the Kewaunee County Buy Local Initiative "Taste of the County" event.
- Coordinated meeting and planning for prospective NWTC Sustainable Farm project in Kewaunee County.
- Evaluation and planning session with DATCP to determine future Food Business workshops.

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:

- Facilitated collaborative initiative to embed Super Swim program in Algoma Elementary School's Summer School Program.
- Facilitated Kewaunee County Department Head training with Dan Hill, Local Government Specialist from the Local Government Center, UWEX.
- Planning and facilitation with Visit Kewaunee County Partnership members to reconvene and develop joint programming for 2014-2015.

Other:

- Attended UWEX County Leadership Conference
- Met with three County Board members to assess needs for community development.

Zoning Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room
June 11, 2014

Call to Order:

Chairman, Tom Romdenne called the meeting to order at 4:43 pm

Roll Call:

Members included: Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Bob Garfinkel, Ron Paider, Glenn Selner and County Board Chairman, Ron Heuer.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve last months minutes by Gary Paape and seconded by Ron Paider. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made to approve agenda by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Motion carried.

Report:

Glenn Selner gave a report on sanitary violations on septic systems. Five properties are in violation now and have been turned over to the County Corporation Counsel to process thru the court system.

Glenn reported that one new office staff person has been training and will be ready to fill the position.

It was also reported that Dominion is up to date with all permits at this time.

Travel Expense: None

Overtime Expense: None

Approval of Bills:

A motion was made by Gary Paape and seconded Ron Paider to approve the bills presented.

Next Meeting Date:

July 9th, 2014 at 5:00 pm Kewaunee County Admin Center, Committee Room.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Paape
Secretary