Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
July 9, 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

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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.

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Agriculture Agent
Prepared for July 9, 2014

Meat Animal Quality Assurance - Taught the final MAQA program for 2014 for livestock auction participants on June 7 at the administration building. I had participants from Kewaunee, Brown, Fond du Lac, Waupaca, and Manitowoc counties attend. All youth who intend on participating in the livestock auction at the Kewaunee County Fair (and state and district shows) must attend this program; it teaches kids aspects to raising a quality meat animal. The program has been presented to approximately 120 youth this year.

Breakfast on the Farm – Worked with the Kewaunee County Dairy Promotion Committee to put on the annual breakfast on the farm. This year's breakfast was held at Cornette Dairy. Approximately 4,200 people ate breakfast and toured the farm on walking tours. Breakfast on the Farm is an excellent educational opportunity to teach people where their food comes from and learn more about animal health and care.

Dairy Team Planning – Attended the Dairy Team planning meeting in Marshfield. The dairy team consists of agriculture agents from across Wisconsin with dairy emphasis in programming. Upcoming project I will be working on are a dairy middle manager program this fall and continued work with the dairy team on ongoing projects.

Beef Team Cow/Calf Meetings – Traveled with a team of beef team members presenting at three meetings around Wisconsin on beef cow/calf reproduction. I spoke on bull management and health. I coordinated seven meetings in Wisconsin and have/will speak at four of those sites. The cow/calf meetings are part of my role of a beef team member. Since Extension doesn't have a beef specialist anymore, the beef team is meant to fill the gap in programming that person would have done.

Alfalfa Scissor Clipping/Persistency Project – Finished alfalfa scissor clipping on June 5 which matches the latest date of last clipping (2011 and 2013). This year was a challenge for producers because of cold and rainy conditions which didn't allow for adequate drying time of the crop after it was cut. The crop as a whole in the county was decent, but because of the late harvest, quality was not as good as it could have been. The benefit of a later harvest is more tonnage.

I am in year three of an alfalfa persistency project on a Kewaunee County Farm, and started new sites in Kewaunee County and Door County this year. The project follows the harvest quality and tonnage of an alfalfa field for several years. The project will show which year the field is the most productive in comparison to weather conditions.

Farm Technology Days – The executive committee has been set for the Farm Technology Days Show. I set the date for the first meeting and will be inviting the show manager to attend to present an orientation to the committee. After the first meeting, the farm selection process will begin. Any person on the committee directly related to or works for a potential host farm will not be included in the site selection.

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Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update
Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent
July 2014

Camp: Camp was held June 10-13, 2014 at Camp Bird in Marinette, WI. We camped again with Door and Calumet Counties and had a nice size camp this year. There were 17 youth from Kewaunee County that took part in the fun and educational summer camp experience. Youth in 3rd -6th grade participated in arts and crafts, team building, nature, waterfront, recreation, campfires, and a variety of other activities each day.

Eight Kewaunee County counselors had the opportunity to showcase their creativity, leadership, teamwork, speaking, and educational skills as counselors. Camp is a great opportunity for the youth staff to learn about leadership, communication, team work, role-modeling, planning and organizing, and responsibility. In addition to working with their cabin of youth, counselors have the opportunity to use some of their teaching skills by leading flex time activities, evening programs, campfires and a variety of other activities during camp. In addition, six volunteer chaperones joined us at camp this year. Thanks to everyone's help and cooperation, camp was a great educational experience for campers and counselors alike.

Area Animal Science Day: Thirty-one youth attended Area Animal Science Day this year in Manitowoc County. Kewaunee County youth had the opportunity to exhibit their educational knowledge of animals (dairy and livestock) through judging contest and educational sessions. Kewaunee County had a great year and we should be very proud of the youth teams and coaches. The junior livestock judging teams placed 2nd and 5th in the overall contest. Individually, junior placed in third, fifth, and sixth places. The senior teams came in 3rd and 4th. Individually, one senior youth placed second and another placed tenth. From the livestock judging contest, both the second place senior individual and the second place team will go on to the state contest. In junior dairy judging there were 2 teams and team one placed 7th. One junior dairy judging participant placed 7th. In senior dairy judging, Kewaunee County placed 5th and 8th. In addition, during Area Animal Science Days, I was part of the traveling educational team made up of 4-H Youth Development Educators and State Specialists that conduct this day throughout the state.

State 4-H Youth Conference: Eight youth from Kewaunee County took advantage of the opportunity to meet youth from around the state at the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Leadership Conference. Youth were provided with the opportunity to learn how to contribute to their communities, learn about 4-H and Extension programs, meet youth from diverse backgrounds, and strengthen communication, leadership, and life skills. Also, youth could choose to meet with state legislature, learn about the medical field, learn self-defense, learn about science and agriculture, improve public speaking skills, learn basic canoeing skills, or participate in a variety of other events. Prior to youth conference, I met with and provided an orientation to the youth and their families.

North Central Region Volunteer Management Course: You may remember that I was chosen to be part of a group of 4-H Youth Development Educators from throughout the upper Midwest to participate in writing a new curriculum on volunteerism. The team consists of state program specialists, regional staff, and county based educators like me. We will continue to meet throughout summer using online resources to continue collaborating and designing the online curriculum that will be made available to Extension programs throughout the United States. The curriculum is intended to be used throughout all of Extension and is not exclusive to the 4-H Youth Development program.

Upcoming Activities:
Fair: The Kewaunee County Fair will be held July 14 (early judging day) and July 16-20. There are approximately 5,000 entries expected to be exhibited into the junior class portion of the fair. Entries range from livestock, to pets and cultural arts. The fair is one of the excellent opportunities that youth have to showcase what they have been working on in their particular project areas. This is a learning opportunity for youth to gain an outside perspective and find new ways to approach their projects. My ultimate goal is "blue ribbon youth" instead of youth who receive blue ribbons. I want youth to realize it is not receiving a blue ribbon that makes your project a success but what they have learned along the way is what will truly distinguish that their project is a winner.

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Kewaunee County Agriculture & Extension Committee

Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension

Activities Report for July 9, 2014

Children's Services Network – This is a network of family service agencies in the county that meets throughout the year in order to share resources and collaborate on projects. I am assisting with the Back To School project and collecting donations of school supplies and creating awareness for families in need of supplies. I am also gathering information for this network on Early Childhood Screening and the benefits of early childhood intervention as smart economic development.

Health Literacy Committee – I am working with this committee to promote dental health at the Back To School event in August. We have grant funding to help low-income families. We will be providing health education and free dental supplies (toothbrushes, toothpaste). We also provide free gym shoes and winter coats. More than 250 children are served annually.

Affordable Care Act – I attended training in Wausau to learn more about how to help families prepare for the next open enrollment in the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace. I provide families with resources for enrollment assistance and a budget plan for paying for their health insurance.

Medicare – I attended a Medicare workshop presented by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Lakeshore. The workshop was developed to help families and seniors understand Medicare Parts A-D, Medigap, SeniorCare and Medical Assistance. People with disabilities and seniors need help understanding their options and choosing the most affordable supplemental plans that fit their budgets.

Supporting Children During Divorce Class – We had 9 parents attend the June class. The surveys collected from the parents after the class show that they gained useful parenting skills. The feedback from parents about this court mandated class continues to be positive year after year.

Raising A Thinking Child – This 8 week class teaches parents how to teach their young children to solve everyday problems. I attended a train-the-trainer workshop for UW-Extension professionals so that I can offer the class locally.

Outreach – I provided parent education materials and resources at the Bellin Health clinic, Algoma Food Pantry and Algoma Elementary School's Parent Resource Room.

Home and Community Education (HCE) – In my role as advisor to the HCE association, I assisted the group with their decision-making process for membership recruitment and fundraising. The group was recently featured in the Kewaunee County Star newspaper.

Kewaunee County Agriculture and Extension Committee
Activities Report for June, 2014
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Local Food System Economy:

- Developed Needs Assessment survey and continued 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.
- Provided facilitation and planning support to the Wisconsin Local Food Network to implement a Farm to Hospital program in Northeast Wisconsin.

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:

- Provided education and planning support to Luxemburg Chamber of Commerce.
- Implemented collaborative initiative to embed Super Swim program in Algoma Elementary School's Summer School Program, over 70 children benefitted from the program held in June.
- Planning and facilitation with Visit Kewaunee County Partnership members to reconvene and develop joint programming for 2014-2015.

Other:

- Provided business planning education and facilitation to three entrepreneurs in Kewaunee County.
- Participated in planning session to support UWEX CNRED Program Advisory Team efforts.
- Continued revisions on scholarly paper "The Process and Impacts of Nuclear Plant Closre from a Rural Community Perspective: A Wisconsin Case Study" to publish in peer reviewed journal.