

Zoning Committee Meeting  
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room  
October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Call to Order:

Chairman, Tom Romdenne called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

The Zoning Committee, along with Glenn Selner, reviewed the 2015 Budget. One budget included a 0% increase and a budget at -5% was presented. The only large adjustment in the budget was under line item #56400.000.254 Investigations. This increase was due to the possible need for on site digs of failing septic systems.

The Wisconsin Fund Grant Program was reviewed. This grant is for residents that qualify for assistance in failed septic system replacement.

The changes to minimum lot sizes in shoreland zoning areas was discussed.

Also discussed were the issues in getting contractors redoing failed septic systems, due to wet weather conditions.

The Board of Adjustment held a hearing at which the Board denied a building permit due to set back issues. The owner has a 30 day deadline to appeal.

A hearing will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with Dominion, regarding new dry cast storage units. Dominion is requesting a change to the height regulations.

Communications: None

Travel Expense: Two conference requests.

(1) October 22-24 County Code Administration Conference at Minoqua, WI.

(2) October 29-30 Flood Plane Conference at Wisconsin Dells

Overtime Expense: None

Approval of Bills/Travel Expense:

A motion was made by Gary Paape to approve the bills and travel expense as presented and was seconded by Ron Paider. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 4:00 pm. Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gary Paape  
Secretary

Agriculture & Extension Committee Meeting  
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room  
October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Minutes

Call to Order:

Chairman, Tom Romdenne called the meeting to order at 3:39 pm.

Roll Call:

Member included: Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Ron Paider and Bob Garfinkel. Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, Aerica Bjurstrom, Agriculture Agent, and Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator also attended.

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 by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Input: None

Educators' Report:

Please review the complete written reports that are attached.

Reports were given on the 2017 Farm Tech Days. The dates and location are to be announced on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00 am. This is to be a Media Day Announcement.

Claire Thompson discussed the Memorandum of Understanding an agreement between Kewaunee County and Door County and the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station.

Overtime: None

Travel Expense: None

No other business as allowed by law.

Approval of Bills:

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

Set Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date was set for November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 4:30 pm. Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Gary Paape. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gary Paape

Joint Meeting of the  
Kewaunee County Agriculture & Extension Committee  
and  
Door County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee  
October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
4:00 pm  
Kewaunee County Administration Center Conference Room  
Minutes

Call to Order:

Chairman, Tom Romdenne called the meeting to order at 3:58 pm.

Roll Call:

Members included: Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Ron Paider, Bob Garfinkel, Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator and Aerica Bjurstrom, Agriculture Agent.

Guest members from the Door County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee and State Representatives were as follows: Randy Halstead, Roy Englebert, John Neinas, Matt Stasiak, T. Gerald Correthers, Dean S. Volenberg, Donald Sitte and Dave Williams.

Reports:

Kewaunee and Door County Agriculture & Extension Educators and Committee members reviewed the MOU with the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station.

1. The purpose of this agreement.
2. Approval and renewal of understanding
3. Payment
4. Oversight committee
5. Educational information provided by U.W. Extension Resources.

This agreement will be on the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Kewaunee County Agriculture & Extension Committee meeting agenda: as a take action item.

A complete 2014 Activities Report is attached.

The two committees recessed and met at Ebert Enterprises, N6939 County Road D, Algoma. Randy Ebert gave the committee members a tour of a new calf facility. He then granted a tour of the complete dairy operation, explaining future improvements to be made to the dairy operation. He answered all questions presented. Both committees would like to thank the host family for the tour.

A motion was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Paape  
Secretary

## 2014 Activities Report

### UWEXT/PARS/Door-Kewaunee Co. Memorandum of Service:

Door and Kewaunee County purchase the equivalent of .3 FTE services from the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station for the purpose of providing education information, counsel, and guidance to the commercial fruit industry along with other aspects of horticulture & agronomy in Door and Kewaunee County.

### N. E. W. Automated Weather Station Network:

Maintain six data-logger weather stations in Door (5) and Kewaunee (1) counties that provide the weather data that is interpreted and used in the Enviroweather Advisory Service.

### Enviroweather Weather & Pest Management Advisory Service:

Provide pest management updates during the growing season to apple, grape and cherry producers in northeastern Wisconsin and beyond through Enviroweather web page.

### Call-in/ Web Service for Tree Fruit Disease and Insect Management:

Provide area specific seasonal updates and recommendations from Kewaunee south to Sister Bay north.

### Apple and Cherry IPM Scouting Program for Northeast Wisconsin:

Producers pay per acre fee and provided with apple and cherry pest scouting and consulting service. Between 500 – 1500 acres are enrolled yearly between 2005-2014 growing seasons.

### Northeastern Wisconsin Fruit Growers Spring School:

We provide a day long education program featuring UW and PARS research and Extension speakers. Out-of-state presenters are also featured.

### Assist growers in New Crop Development:

Information is generated and disseminated from plot work conducted on grapes and malting barley projects unique to the Door Peninsula.

**Master Gardener Program:**

Provide a site, maintenance, etc. for 'The Garden Door' educational and demonstration area.

**Commercial Orchard Site Visits:**

Make individual visits upon request and during maintenance of our weather monitoring equipment.

**WAGA Annual Conference, Summer Orchard Tour and Summer IPM School:**

Provide yearly updates and presentations to state apple growers at the annual Wisconsin Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Annual Meeting and Summer Fruit Schools since the early 1990's.

**Aerica Bjurstrom**  
Agriculture Agent  
Prepared for October 8, 2014

**Corn Dry Down** – Harvesting corn for silage needs to be done with the plant is at ideal moisture. Ideal moisture levels produce adequate fermentation and storage, and results in a better product to feed to cows. Ideal moisture is about 60-65% depending on whether silage will be stored in an upright silo or in a bunker. Feed in an upright silo can be a bit dryer than feed stored in a bunker. Kewaunee and Door County UW-Extension held two corn dry down events, one in Kewaunee County at Rio Creek Feed Mill on September 9 and one in Door County at a dairy on September 23. Because of promotion and publication of the event, the dates are usually set in early August. This year it was very dry over summer and shortly after the dates were set and publicized, it began raining for about three weeks. The rain set the corn harvest back significantly and even though we knew corn would be too green for the September 9 date, we went forward with it to get a baseline. I arranged for Dairyland Laboratories to be on-site at the Sturgeon Bay event so we could get sample results right away while producers waited. After the second sample day was complete, I decided to hold a third sample day because favorable drying weather was expected for a week and corn would dry quickly. I held the final sample day on September 30 without cooperation from Door County and had 55 samples submitted. The September 30 sample date is a prime example of how “Extension Responds” in Agriculture and Natural Resources, we assess current conditions and situations and provide timely programming based off what the current issue is. The issue this year was a very wet and cold spring, delayed planting, slow maturing corn due to a cool summer, and unfavorable harvesting weather. Based on the results from the September 30, most corn silage harvest will take place in the second and third weeks of October. The harvest is about three weeks later than 2013 and six weeks later than 2012.

**OSHA Farm Assessment** – Met with a Kewaunee County dairy farmer and Cheryl Skjolaas to assess what the farm would need to do to prepare for an OSHA inspection. OSHA has a Dairy Local Emphasis Program (LEP) and randomly inspects dairies around the state. Each of four regions has a determined number of farms to inspect and the farms are chosen off of two lists, the Wisconsin dairy CAFO list and the DATCP milk permit list. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> farm I have worked with in Kewaunee and Door Counties to evaluate risks, things that could be improved, and how to prepare for an OSHA inspection. Each farm is different with risks and so an individual plan needs to be developed for the specific farm.

**Farm Visits** – Visited five farms in Kewaunee County with Dr. David Kammel, UW-Extension/UW-Madison Agricultural Engineer to evaluate ventilation, farm remodeling, and dairy steer barn design. Dr. Kammel is available to all Kewaunee and Door County farmers for no charge and he provides expertise in ventilation and other farmstead planning. Follow up information from the visits are shared with the farmers as well as the veterinarian who services the farm.

**Professional Development Tour** – Hosted the East-Metro agriculture agents interested in dairy at two Kewaunee County agri-businesses. The first stop was at Gallenberger Dairy Records where we learned more about the services offered and the new technology they have to serve farmers all over the mid-west. The other tour was at Agropur where we had a very thorough tour of the new expansion and were able to see the cheese making process. Both tours were a great way to highlight dairy technology being used in Kewaunee County to agents from other parts of Wisconsin.

## **Kewaunee County Agriculture & Extension Committee**

**Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension**

Activities Report for October 8, 2014

**Co-parenting Classes** – This class is an educational program for parents who are experiencing divorce or separation or parents who have never married and are dealing with issues of paternity, parenting time or child support. Parents are urged to work out family transition decisions without putting their children in the middle or forcing the children to choose one parent over the other. The program looks at how family change affects children, co-parenting, communication and conflict. The goals of the program are to eliminate parental conflict in front of children, keep the children out of parents' issues, provide children with access to both parents, and put the best interests of the children first. We had 5 parents attend the September classes. The surveys collected from the parents after the class show that they gained useful parenting skills.

**Health Literacy Committee** – The committee conducted a survey to ask parents about their concerns related to safe medication use. The survey results show there is concern for medication safety among our literacy students. The committee is planning a health and safety program to address this need along with other home safety topics.

**Home Visits and Outreach to Spanish Speaking Families** – Last month I visited 4 families in the county that speak primarily Spanish at home. The WNEP Nutrition Educator from UW-Extension has been providing nutrition education to these families and introduced me to them. I am meeting with the families to provide connections to resources and offer parenting and health education.

**Workplace Wellness** – Kewaunee Public School District is one of the top ten largest employers in the county and offers wellness opportunities for faculty and staff after school hours. I collaborated with the school nurse and I have begun to instruct a 12-week exercise program for school teachers and support staff. The class participants are making an effort to take care of their health and they are serving as adult role models for the younger students. The CDC recommends children and adolescents should do 60 minutes or more of physical activity each day; having healthy role models in the schools helps children reach these goals.

**Strong Bones** – I am collaborating with the Aging & Disability Resource Center to teach Strong Bones classes. Strong Bones is an evidence-based strength training program developed by studies at Tufts University. This exercise program improves bone density, reduces falls among elderly, improves arthritis symptoms, increases flexibility and can benefit mental health. I will be teaching the classes for 8 weeks in October and November in Luxemburg. The class participants range in age from 72-90 years old. In addition to teaching the class to promote health, I will be using this opportunity to learn more about the unique needs of the older population in our county.

**Kewaunee County Association for Home & Community Education (HCE)** - I met with a planning committee of HCE to begin to map out the organization's 2015 educational series and calendar of events. HCE has 103 county wide members committed to the improvement of community life.

## Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

October 8, 2014

**Re-Enrollments:** We are working with the 4-H club to re-enroll 4-H members for 2015. In 2013, the State 4-H office rolled out a new online enrollment system and switched families over to entering re-enrollments and enrollments online. This allowed families to have easier access to their information to readily make any needed changes. In 2014 will be the first time that families are re-enrolling using the program in this fashion. It is different from when they used the program the first time to enter the needed information. Again, this year, we will work with members and leaders to be successful in completing their enrollments and provide meetings to make sure everyone understands how to use the program.

Re-enrolling members will receive some extra time to re-enroll in 4-H. They will need to be enrolled by October 27<sup>th</sup> to be able to show at the 2015 Kewaunee County Fair. New members are able to enroll throughout the year. However, new members need to enroll by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to be eligible to show at the 2015 Kewaunee County Fair.

**Statewide Leader Training Curriculum:** In September, a colleague and I rolled out a new leader training curriculum that we created. This curriculum focuses on member retention and keeping members engaged in the 4-H program. The training will be used throughout the by all 4-H programs as the annual leader training curriculum for 2014-15. All 4-H county clubs, projects, and committees that are chartered groups are required to send a representative each year to take part in this annual leader training along with older youth members. In turn, the leaders and members return to their groups to share the information with other volunteers and older youth. The curriculum is designed to be relevant, hands-on and engaging for the learners. A statewide evaluation of the training will be conducted.

**Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Expo:** Youth from Kewaunee County that participated in the Expo in education events, showing, or both. This is an excellent opportunity for youth in the horse project to showcase their skills as riders and demonstrate their educational knowledge of horses through events such as horse judging, public speaking, and a variety of other activities.

This year, the youth did an outstanding job at both the educational and riding. Youth participated in educational contests such as model horse, photography, arts, posters, vet science, team problems and other related competitions. The youth talked about how much they learned from working together and that they look forward to training over the next year.

**New Club Leaders:** Over the last month, I have been meeting with new club leaders and we transition some long term volunteers from that role. We thank the dedicated leaders that have held the general leader role for these clubs and know that some great people are stepping into this role. During the upcoming year I will work with the leaders and clubs to make sure that the change is smooth for everyone.

**Teens Making A Difference (TMAD):** I had the opportunity to work with community coalition members from FACES to hold the first TMAD meeting of the year at Kewaunee High School. In TMAD, high school age students plan fun and safe events for middle school youth. During the first meeting we decided on the activities for the year, went over expectations, and talked about the goals for the group. Their first activity of the year will be their annual haunted house trip in October.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Open House: 4-H Fall Fest/Open House:** Preparations are being made for the annual 4-H Open House. The committee is meeting to prepare brochures, fliers, and letters to send to clubs and community members. The open house will be held on October 11, 2014 beginning at 1:00pm at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds in Luxemburg. This is an opportunity for anyone who is interested in learning about 4-H to meet different clubs and their leaders, learn about different projects, make small projects, and find out more about the 4-H organization as a whole.



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

Local Food System Economy:

- Provided support and assistance to the Executive Committee in assembling the Food Committee for Farm Technology Days.
- Conducted initial research for a UWEX coordinated food systems program for Kewaunee County.
- Continued planning and provided technical support to a new entrepreneur at the Farm Market Kitchen in Algoma. This entrepreneur will be producing 26 products at the FMK starting this fall, 2014. I have also been providing education, facilitation and technical assistance to the FMK board and staff to ensure that this business partnership and launch is successful.
- Completed needs assessment survey of area producers for the SLO Farmers Co-op to determine feasibility and next steps in the strategic planning process. In addition, I continued facilitation and planning support to the Wisconsin Local Food Network to implement a Farm to Hospital program in Northeast Wisconsin in cooperation with the SLO Farmers Co-op and NWTC. This project will continue into 2015.

Organizational Development:

- Provided research and facilitation support to the City of Algoma in updating local ordinances pertaining to the Public Nuisance and Health and Safety Chapters of the municipal code book.

Economic Development:

- Provided business planning education and facilitation to two entrepreneurs considering opening businesses in Kewaunee County.
- Updated Business Plan resources for entrepreneurs at the Farm Market Kitchen and the UWEX office.

Other:

- Facilitated our local UWEX office communications strategic planning for 2015.
- Presented to the Luxemburg Chamber of Commerce about the role of UWEX Community Development Educator in Kewaunee County.
- Administrative duties associated with Department Head role.