

Zoning Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room
November 12th, 2014
Minutes

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Glenn Selner presented the fee schedules for shoreland zoning, sanitary permitting and inspections. These items will be on the December agenda for recommendations on changes, if needed. Sanitary violations are being processed thru the District Attorneys' office.

Communications: None

Travel Expense: None

Overtime: None

Approval of Bills:

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

Next Meeting Date:

December 3rd, 2014 at 4:00 pm Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gary Paape
Secretary

Agriculture & Extension Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room
November 12th, 2014
Minutes

Call to Order:

Chairman, Tom Romdenne called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm.

Roll Call:

Members included: Tom Romdenne, Bob Garfinkel, Ron Paider, Gary Paape, Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator and Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Citizen Input: None

Educators' Reports:

The Peninsular Agricultural Research Station Memorandum of Understanding, an agreement between Kewaunee and Door County and the University of Wisconsin, was discussed.

A motion was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Gary Paape to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

Complete written reports are attached.

Overtime: None

Travel Expense: None

Approval of Bills:

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

Set Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date was set for December 3rd, 2014 at 4:00 pm, Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room.

Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Gary Paape. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Paape
Secretary

Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for November 12, 2014

Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANRE) Annual Conference– Attended the ANRE Conference in Wisconsin Dells. The conference featured professional development workshops such as using technology and smart phone apps to assist farmers, working with media, and working between generation gaps. The conference also allowed for time to program with agriculture agents and specialists from all over Wisconsin.

World Dairy Expo- Attended and worked in the UW-Extension Dairy Team booth at the World Dairy Expo in Madison. UW-Extension Dairy Team has a booth in the main concourse of the show arena. We have very good visibility where the booth is located because it is at one of the main entrances to the cattle shows. Over the course of the show, we have over 500 contacts with visitors where we are able to share UW-Extension resources and maintain a presence with dairy producers.

Farm Technology Days – The Kewaunee County Farm Technology Days host farm was selected by the executive committee in October followed by a media day announcing the selection. Ebert Enterprises of Algoma will be hosting the show. Currently the committee is working on selecting committee chairs and selecting a logo. The committee will travel to Waunakee in December with other future hosts to learn more about the successes and suggestions from this year's host, Portage County.

Farm Calls – Finished up my forage persistency project for 2014 by collecting final samples from participating farms. I also visited a Door County farm to consult on ventilation in a newly constructed barn. I took the Dairyland Initiative course held by the UW-Veterinary School last year and I have the access to the programs that allow me to develop ventilation plans for barns.

Farm Service Agency informational meeting – Presented at the Farm Service Agency informational meeting. Approximately 75 dairy and crop producers were in attendance. I presented on the Margin Protection Plan tool that producers can use to help them decide if/how much milk production insurance they will need in future months.

Middle Manager Meeting Planning – Working with agriculture agents in four other counties to present a two-day program for dairy middle managers. Middle managers are typically someone who oversees a part of the farm like maternity pens, parlor, etc. The program is going to be held at three locations and available in English and Spanish. The local program will be held in Green Bay on February 10 and 17.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator

November 2014

4-H Fall Fest and Open House: To kick-off national 4-H week, 4-H members and leaders put together a 4-H Fall Fest and Open House to highlight the 4-H program. This is the first year that we expanded the Open House to include a Fall Festival component. This event was a fun, free, and educational event for the entire community. 4-H clubs and committees provided community members with some of the highlights about being involved in Kewaunee County 4-H. Families had the opportunity to meet different 4-H clubs and their leaders, learn about different projects, make small projects, create pumpkin art at the creation station, participate in fun science experiments, and find out more about the 4-H organization as a whole. In addition, there were fun games, horse wagon rides, and fall themed snacks. This was the best attended open house in recent history. In fact, a number of families noted that they thought that they would come for a short time but were learning so much and having such a great time that they ended up staying for hours. Families left the event excited about enrolling in Kewaunee County 4-H. Several new members have joined 4-H this year and I continue to receive phone calls about being part of the program.

4-H Club and Committee Charter Renewal Process: We are continuing to work on the charter renewal process for the club and committees in Kewaunee County. A 4-H audit committee, our Leader's Association treasurer and I have and will continue to work on this process over the next month. In addition, I will be entering the groups' 990N e-postcards to ensure that they are IRS compliant.

The Pension Reform Act of 2006 made significant changes in the IRS law and guidelines. In turn this affected many non-profit organizations including 4-H. WI 4-H and Cooperative Extension have been working on a state level to help the county extension educators through these changes. In addition, there are several steps that I will need to take to enter this information for the state 4-H office. Once all of the information is gathered and reviewed at a county level, it is then loaded to a state website and is reviewed by the State office.

New 4-H online enrollments: I continued to work with the club leaders, members, and families over the last month to familiarize them with the new 4-H online system. 4-H Online allows all members and leaders to enter their 4-H enrollments through an online system. Overall, the transition has been smooth but like with anything new there is a period of learning and adjustment. During the next few months, I will continue to provide ongoing training for leaders.

Professional Development: In October, I had the opportunity to attend the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents conference. This was an excellent opportunity to learn about youth development from colleagues across the county and national recognized speakers. I participated in a number of sessions throughout the conference, a few included education on: youth brain development and actions, cyber bullying, volunteerism, youth leadership development and reflection, club officer training, and the creating positive environments. I will be able to readily apply and use the information that I learned on a county and state level.

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.

Upcoming Events

Project Day: The Kewaunee County annual Project Day planning is under way for 2014. The event is tentatively scheduled for March 2014. 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.

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Kewaunee County Agriculture & Extension Committee

Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension

Activities Report for November 12, 2014

eParenting or Digital Parenting – I have been contacting our local schools to propose a UW-Extension pilot project called eParenting: High Tech Kids. It involves weekly, short, research-based educational articles for parents of 9-14 year olds about parenting effectively in the digital age. These weekly articles could be sent out by the school to families in email or text messaging or posted on the school Facebook page.

Childhood Obesity Prevention Conference – I attended the Childhood Obesity Prevention Conference presented in partnership with UW-Extension and UW-Green Bay. Interventions and best practices were shared as well as local and state priorities concerning obesity prevention. I intend to share resources from the conference with my colleagues and Active Community Environment committee members.

Mock Interviews for Students – I interviewed students at Luxemburg-Casco High School to help them practice their job interviewing skills and provided feedback for their individual career development.

Meal Site Visits and Outreach to Seniors – I visited the Casco and Luxemburg senior meal sites. The WNEP Nutrition Educator from UW-Extension has been providing nutrition education to meal sites. I am learning more about the unique needs of the older population in our county.

Aging & Disability Resource Center of the Lakeshore (ADRC) – I am continuing to teach Strong Bones exercise classes that are proven to reduce falls among elderly, improve arthritis symptoms, increase flexibility, improve bone density and benefit mental health. I am collaborating with the ADRC to get more instructors trained in our county to be able to offer more Strong Bones classes throughout the county.

Home & Community Education (HCE) - I have continued to help HCE plan the 2015 educational series and calendar of events.

Website training – I completed more than 8 hours of training to further develop and update my Family Living program web pages.

Job seekers – I met with our local contact to the Wisconsin Job Center and discussed opportunities to offer education to job seekers for employability skills and life skills.

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

Local Food System Economy:

- Initiated planning session with Lakeshore Industry Cluster Initiative Local Foods Cluster to determine strategies and activities for the coming year.
- Continued facilitator/liaison role between SLO Farmers Co-op and 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.
- Continued support in assembling the Food Committee for Farm Technology Days.
- Provided educational assistance to the Door County Buy Local initiative program on local foods.
- Continued planning and provided technical support to a new entrepreneur at the Farm Market Kitchen in Algoma. I have also continued providing education, facilitation and technical assistance to the FMK board and staff on an as-needed basis to ensure that this business partnership and launch is successful.

Organizational Development:

- Provided educational assistance to the Algoma Chamber of Commerce regarding organizational and board development opportunities.
- Provided strategic planning education to City of Algoma officials.
- Completed 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.
- Provided educational support for the Kewaunee County Buy Local Initiative Taste of the County event.

Economic Development:

- Provided business planning education and facilitation to one entrepreneur considering opening businesses in Kewaunee County.

Other:

- Conducted pre-planning activities to support 2015 Door-Kewaunee Legislative Days event.
- Attended UWEX CNRED Annual Symposium.
- Administrative duties associated with Department Head role.