

Agriculture & Extension Committee Meeting  
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
Minutes

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

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

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' Report:

Reports from all educators were the concerns of Extension programs and key personnel being cut. Some of these actions were the result of the current budget and more from the proposed 2016/2017 budget, thru elimination or not filling positions; to eliminating educational programs completely. Programs in 4-H affects youth development, economic stability, workforce preparation, leadership, community connection and citizen skills. Budget cuts in Family Living have cut positions or have been put on hold. Agriculture Programs have been cut between Door County and Kewaunee County. Community Development Educators may not be replaced. Full Educators' Reports attached.

Overtime: None

Travel Expense: None

Approval of Bills:

Bills to be approved by Finance Committee

Set Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting was set for the first Wednesday of the month; which will be May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 4:00 pm. at the Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Tom Romdenne and seconded by Ron Paider to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Paape  
Secretary

**Aerica Bjurstrom**  
Agriculture Agent  
Prepared for April 1, 2015

**Pesticide Applicator Training** – Taught Pesticide Applicator Training in Door County in the absence of the Door County Agriculture Agent. I conducted the training and exams. Since Kewaunee and Door Counties had a shared informal agreement in coverage between the two counties, I will be doing more work in Door than in the past to cover some of the crops and soils programming until a replacement can be hired. At this time with an uncertain budget, it is not known when the position will be filled.

**Farm Technology Days** – Met with the tent city chairs to go over initial planning of where events will be held on the Ebert farm for Farm Technology Days. We met twice at the farm in March and also discussed layout as a whole executive committee. Steve Hanson from Land Information is working on the mapping portion of the grounds and the committee continues to meet to make the best plan for the show. The committees also continue to move forward with food planning, fund raising, promotion and marketing, and many other committees are being formed. We should also have a collectable toy tractor selected early this summer and be ready for production this year.

**Implements of Husbandry** – Held two more Implements of Husbandry meetings in early March. The focus of the meetings was to give towns and land operators an open forum to ask questions about the non-fee permitting process. Eighty-seven people attended the two meetings. In addition, I presented to the Towns Association quarterly meeting on the Implements of Husbandry law and the non-fee permitting process. Permits are now being submitted to the towns, so there will be a learning curve for both the towns and land operators with the new regulations.

**Wisconsin Public Service Farm Show** – Worked at the Wisconsin Public Service Farm Show in Oshkosh. The UW-Extension Dairy Team had a display there promoting our dairy team website. The website is regularly updated with dairy information and research findings. The Kewaunee County Farm Technology Days show will probably be exhibiting at the show in 2016 and for sure in 2017. I will most likely be working at booth displays.

**Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin** – Attended the annual Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin trade show and seminar. I attended sessions on calf health, employee empowerment, hoof health, and made many connections at the trade show with potential partners at the trade show portion of the event. The UW - Extension Dairy Team paid for registration and travel for this excellent professional development opportunity.

**Farm Calls** – Working with three farmers that I have never worked with on three different projects. One producer is working on a plan to set the farm up for long-term existence in the dairy industry. They are recipients of the Dairy 30X20 program and will be consulting with the UW-Veterinary School to help establish priorities. Another farm is starting up a management team to make decisions on how to improve milk production, and a third farm is starting up a sheep dairy. I will work with all three of these farms in different capacities over the coming months and possibly years.

## Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

April 1, 2015

**Student Talking About Respect (S.T.A.R):** In the month of March, I am working 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls at a local middle school on the topic of relational aggression/bullying. As part of a community coalition, we developed a curriculum focused on relational aggression and treating others with respect. This program is presented over a five-week period. We work with the girls once a week using a number of teaching techniques and activities. Additionally, each week the class is assigned homework (not graded or counted toward the student's grade) to help them reflect on the material that was covered or to prepare them for next week's lesson. In addition, we have a great partner in the middle school counselor who is working with us during her class time to make this program happen. During the first three sessions, we worked with the girls on:

Week 1: Relational Aggression: What is relational aggression/bullying? The effects of relational Aggression/bullying, cyberbullying, and how we can help others

Week 2: Inclusive vs. exclusive groups, random acts of kindness, and stepping up as a leader

Week 3: Leadership, being an ally and what to do if someone you know is being bullied, and cliques versus groups of friends

During these first three sessions, we have seen the girls open up about these topics and how they are affecting their class dynamics. It has led to great discussions with the girls and they are opening up about treating each other with respect. There are five sessions in total and during the final session of the program, I will conduct an evaluation about the overall program impact from the girls' perspective. I look forward to sharing what they have learned.

**Camp Counselor Interviews:** I collaborated with the educator from Door County to conduct camp counselor and dishwasher interviews for the upcoming camp season. We conducted them as a group interview to see how youth interacted with each other. Also, there were hands on, critical thinking, and team work activities were included as part of the training. This was a great way to see how the youth interacted with each other and how they would respond to questions with a group and we had a chance to observe their leadership characteristics. There are several qualified and talented older youth that will be asked to be counselors and dishwashers for this year. All counselors will be asked to attend a mandatory counselor training to ensure that they have received proper amounts of training before attending camp.

**Legislative Days Youth Team:** I had my first meeting with the teens from Kewaunee County that will be working with the Door/Kewaunee Legislative Days Team. I worked with the expectations for the day, basic information for meeting with legislators, and we discussed the topics that will be on the agenda. This is a great experience for the teens to work in partnership with adults on topics that can have a direct impact on Kewaunee County. Also, they are able to see the democratic process in action and have the opportunity to use their voice to make a difference.

**Statewide 4-H Youth Development Learning teams meeting:** I had the opportunity to meet with colleagues from throughout the state to set priorities for 4-H Youth Development. We worked together to develop teams around topics that are pertinent and relevant to the program area. We will be developing these teams on a statewide level to address the needs of the 4-H Youth Development program. I am currently a member of the volunteer development team and we will be working on topics pertinent to volunteerism and building capacity with both volunteers and educators.

### Upcoming Events that I am working on:

**Camp:** The camp association met and plans are underway for Camp 2015. We will be returning to Camp Bird and camping with Door and Calumet Counties this year during the week of June 9-12. 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. 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.



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

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

Activities Report for April 1, 2015

**Health Literacy** –On March 26<sup>th</sup> I worked with the Health Literacy Committee to provide a “Health & Safety” program at the Luxemburg-Casco Middle School. The topics presented included first aide, fire safety, and medication/pharmaceutical safety. We had a Spanish interpreter translate the presentations. The program was well attended by adults and children.

**Cancer Clear and Simple** – On April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m., I will present a workshop to help individuals identify the risk factors leading to cancer. We will discuss the emotional impacts of a cancer diagnosis and learn ways to provide comfort and support for people diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers. The program was developed in partnership with UW Carbone Cancer Center’s Health Disparities Initiative.

**Co-parenting Education** – I am continuing to work with my colleagues in other counties to develop curricula for divorce or separated parents. We are exploring how digital technology can be used to reach families statewide to reinforce learning following our face to face parenting classes.

**Strong Bones Class** in Luxemburg - I am continuing to instruct Strong Bones exercise class for individuals ages 55 and older. The classes are designed to improve balance, increase flexibility, improve bone density, increase muscle strength and benefit mental health. The Aging & Disability Resource Center has partnered with me to train new instructors so more classes can be offered in the county.

**Home Alone: Preparing Children for Self Care** – The online video training for parents and children is in the final stages of completion. I am working with my colleagues in Calumet and Manitowoc counties to ensure this program is easy for families to navigate on their own from any computer including mobile devices. Parents and children will be able to access this program anytime they are starting to consider whether they are ready to have children stay home alone.

**Home and Community Education (HCE) Association** – I am continuing to help update the HCE by-laws and clarify the organizational processes.

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Activities Report for March, 2015  
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator  
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Economic and Organizational Development:

- Commenced research and planning support in collaboration with Rural Enterprise Network, Midwest Renewable Energy Association, and the Wisconsin Farmers Union to host a Solar Power Hour educational program on May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Continued facilitation and research support for Door-Kewaunee Counties 2015 Legislative Days event scheduled for April 15-16, 2015.
- Re-commenced planning with Kewaunee County Public Health Department's 2015 Community Health Assessment process.
- Continued planning support to match the City of Algoma and the City of Oconto and participate in the First Impressions program.
- Commenced work on Live Well Algoma Community initiative as a member of the Commons Committee.
- Commenced planning for Algoma Super Swim Summer School, an collaborative initiative among Algoma Public Schools, Algoma Park & Rec, UWEX and YMCA in Sturgeon Bay to implement a water safety and progressive swim instruction to students in Algoma.

Local Food System Economy:

- Participated in UWEX Food Systems Team Grant Planning and workshop preparation.
- Continued support to Farm Market Kitchen with education, facilitation and technical assistance to the FMK board and staff on an as-need basis to help launch a new processor with a number of products. Continued promotion of NWTC Local Food Business Planning educational workshops.

Other:

- Serving on Planning Committee for UWEX County Leadership Conference.
- Serving on UWEX CNRED Standards, Rank and Promotion Committee.
- Serving on Center for Community and Economic Development Hiring and Screening Committee.

Zoning Committee Meeting  
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Call to Order:

Chairman, Tom Romdenne called the meeting to order at 4:55 pm.

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Bob Garfinkel and seconded by Ron Paider to approve the 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 reported that Corporate Council has send letters to residents that have sanitary sewer violations.

Three year septic system pumping notices for the Spring have been sent.

Enforcement notices on septic systems have been sent.

The Board of Adjustment approved a shore land zoning request. This was in the Town of Ahnapee. The resident provided all required information for approval.

The Committee discussed the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program and reviewed a Resolution. A motion was made by Gary Paape and seconded by Ron Paider to send this Resolution to the County Board for possible approval.

The Committee discussed Property Value Guarantee. This is in regards to a company erecting wind turbines in two townships; West Kewaunee and Town of Carlton. No decision was made as the Committee is receiving legal advice and possible action. This will be an agenda item for the May meeting.

Communication: None

Travel Expense: None

Overtime: None

Approval of Bills:

Bills to be presented to the Finance Committee for approval.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date for the Zoning Committee will be the first Wednesday of the month; which will be May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 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 5:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gary Paape  
Secretary