

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
July 1, 2015
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. Joint Meeting with Door County Ag & Extension
7. Co-Department Head Structure for Kewaunee County UWEX
8. Educators Reports – Written
9. Overtime
10. Approval – Travel
11. Approval – Bills
12. Set Future Committee Meeting Dates
13. Adjourn

The Committee welcomes all visitors to listen and observe, but only Committee members and those invited to speak will be permitted to do so. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to attend or participate should contact the County Administrator's Office at (920) 388-7164 prior to the meeting so that accommodations may be arranged.

A majority of the members of the County Board of Supervisors or any of its committees including: 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.

Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for July 1, 2015

Farm Management Teams – Continued work with farm management teams. Currently I am working with about a dozen farms on management related topics. Management teams bring together lenders, veterinarians, nutritionists, and other professionals to help guide the producer in making decisions about his or her farm. Farm management teams are a team-based approach to solving problems on a farm and making wise decisions that will improve efficiency, profitability, and reduce labor.

Small Ruminant Clinic – Planned and hosted a small ruminant clinic and pasture walk in Algoma. The pasture walk took place at a small goat farm outside Algoma. Elsie Gonzalez from Dodge County and I presented on pasture crops and management. The meeting portion of the meeting featured Elsie speaking on nutrition, Claire Thompson speaking on marketing small ruminant meat animals, and I presented on housing and labor efficiency. Small ruminants (sheep and goats) are gaining popularity in the area as people return to the farm or small acreage and want to use the land to its potential. I have been programming in small ruminants for several years and will be holding another goat artificial insemination class in the spring of 2016.

Farm Technology Days – Committee chairs are being selected. We have 18 committees and we are still looking for chairs for six of them. We will be holding a committee chair orientation later in July and will plan to attend to the Dane County Farm Technology Days show in August so chairs can get an idea of what they should expect as a chair.

Meat Animal Quality Assurance - Taught the final MAQA program for 2015 for livestock auction participants on June 6 at the administration building. I had participants from Kewaunee, Shawano, 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. I have presented the MAQA program 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 Deer Run Dairy. Approximately 5,200 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.

Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension

Kewaunee County Ag & Extension Committee

Activities Report for July 1, 2015

Mind Movers – Mind Movers is a brain and body wellness program offered by the Aging & Disability Resource Center along with NEW Curative Rehabilitation, Inc. This month, I presented a session on the importance of hydration and sun protection. The lesson included cognitive activities to prevent memory loss for aging adults.

Foster children summer program – Advocates for Transitional Living, LLC contacted me about providing health education for the youth enrolled in the summer program. I collaborated with the UW-Extension nutrition educator to deliver a food and nutrition session.

Health Literacy - Literacy Partners Inc. along with UW-Extension Family Living and the public health nurse are continuing to plan for the Back to School program in August. Oral health remains our focus for the event.

Parent Circles – As a member of the child abuse prevention workgroup, I am helping to plan events to support parents. The series of 3 Parent Circles are scheduled for October in Algoma to help parents communicate and build healthy families.

Live Well Algoma – I am continuing to work with the steering committee on plans for Live Well Algoma.

Food Safety and Preservation – Consumers are already starting to call the office to request food preservation guidelines such as canning pickles and tomatoes safely. This month, I attended the UW-Madison workshop to obtain the latest research in food safety standards.

Multicultural Awareness Training – I attended the two-day Multicultural Awareness workshop for UW Colleges and UW-Extension colleagues held in Oshkosh.

Impact - I encourage county board members and anyone interested in learning more about the impact of Family Living Programs on the state of Wisconsin to visit <http://flp.ces.uwex.edu/wisconsin-impacts/>. Open the links on this webpage to read short reports explaining why Family Living Programs in every Wisconsin county are an excellent public investment.

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

Economic and Organizational Development:

- Implemented Solar Power Hour educational program with 28 participants in collaboration with Rural Enterprise Network, Midwest Renewable Energy Association, and the Wisconsin Farmers Union.
- Continued survey research work for 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.
- Provided organizational planning and support to implement Algoma Super Swim week in collaboration with the YMCA and the Algoma Parks and Recreation department.

Local Food System Economy:

- Provided Direct Marketing Your Meat Products workshop to participants of the Small Ruminant Clinic on June 24th at the Farm Market Kitchen
- Continued support to Farm Market Kitchen with education, facilitation and technical assistance to the FMK board and staff to support succession planning of staff members, and to continue support to new processor with a number of products.
- Provided business planning education to one food based entrepreneur looking to start a bakery.

Other:

- Hosted and attended UWEX County Leadership Conference.
- Serving on Center for Community and Economic Development Hiring and Screening Committee.