Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
October 7, 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. Educators Reports – Written
7. Overtime
8. Approval – Travel
9. Approval – Bills
10. Set/Confirm Future Committee Meeting Dates
11. Adjourn

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Aerica Bjurstrom

Agriculture Agent
Prepared for October 7, 2015

Corn Dry Down – Each year UW-Extension holds corn silage dry down days free to the public with the help of sponsors. Depending on the maturity of the crop and the season, there may be two or three dry down days. This year I scheduled three and the first one was canceled because the crop was not ready for harvest yet. The second dry down day was held at Rio Creek Feed Mill and was a tremendous success with 114 samples submitted, which made it one of the biggest dry down days we've ever held. Thanks to excellent timing and good weather, the dry down day was able to test samples for over 75 different farms. Dairyland Laboratories from DePere was on hand with their NIR machine which allowed farmers to wait just a few minutes to get their results rather than waiting until the next day to get them. While many local mills hold their own dry down events, the UW-Extension event still remains very popular and will continue to be held in the future.

Farm Visits – Visited three farms in Kewaunee and Door Counties with Dr. David Kammel, UW-Extension/UW-Madison Agricultural Engineer to evaluate farmstead planning. Follow up information from the visits are shared with the farmers as well as the veterinarian who services the farm. The Door County meetings were initiated from the Door County Land & Water Conservation Department. They asked for technical advice on farmstead planning and incorporating their plans of work with the farm with future farm modernization potential.

Joint Kewaunee/Door Ag & Extension Meeting – Met with the Door County Ag & Extension committee at the Peninsular Agriculture Research Station. The memorandum of understanding was signed by both committees which promises funds to the station in order to return information and research back to fruit crop growers in Kewaunee County. One Kewaunee County orchard also hosts a Michigan State weather station which is one of several in the Door Peninsula and are managed by the research station. You can find minute-to-minuet weather updates at the location in Kewaunee County on the website: http://www.enviroweather.msu.edu/homeMap.php The new agriculture agent in Door County started October 1.

DATCP Employee Training – Participated in an employee training for Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade, and Consumer Protection employees. The purpose of the program was to teach employees how to assess and deal with issues on farms if they are called to intervene regarding animal welfare issues. I trained employees on animal behavior and cattle handling. Approximately 30 people from DATCP attended the training and it was held at the Arlington Agriculture Research Station.

Beef Cow/Calf Meetings – As part of my appointment to the state Beef Team, I plan and carry out multiple beef cow/calf meetings throughout the summer at locations around Wisconsin. I am also a presenter at the meetings. The series of meetings wrapped up in September in Walworth and Trempealeau Counties.

World Dairy Expo – The UW-Extension Dairy Team has a booth at the World Dairy Expo each year. Approximately 15 dairy extension agents work at the booth and talk to visitors at the show. I am in charge of the booth display and another agent sets it up for the show. I also have the opportunity to work at the show and network and learn more about the newest technology available in dairy. Many Kewaunee County dairy producers show at and attend the five day event in Madison.

University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA.

Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension

Kewaunee County Ag & Extension Committee

Activities Report for October 7, 2015

Health Literacy – The Healthy Eating Family Fun Night was held on September 24 at the Luxemburg-Casco Middle School. This educational event was a collaborative effort of UW-Extension Family Living and WNEP, Literacy Partners and the Public Health Department. Nearly 40 people attended the event which focused on many aspects of healthy eating. Adults and children together attended six short learning stations to interact with educators on nutrition and physical activity topics. Following the learning stations, participants worked hands-on in classroom kitchenettes to make healthy snacks and drinks. Evaluations from the participants showed an increase in knowledge about healthy eating and everyone rated the program highly.

Digital Parenting – I am continuing to work on several projects that use digital technology to provide education to parents. Reaching parents who are busy and on the move can be challenging. I am leading a statewide pilot study that provides an electronic curriculum for recently divorced parents. The pilot phase of the project will be ending in October and I will be evaluating the results to improve the curriculum and look for opportunities to implement additional parenting interventions.

Algoma Live Well- I am assisting the Healthy Individuals committee of the Algoma Live Well group to interview key stakeholders from the community about their roles in implementing a successful initiative. I have also helped coordinate several events that promote physical activity including two school walking programs and partnering with the Northeastern Area Health Education Center for using the bicycle smoothie blender.

Farm Technology Days – I am involved in planning the Family Living Tent for Farm Technology Days. I drafted a work list to help our committee identify duties and deadlines.

Qualities of a Volunteer – On September 10, I helped present a workshop for volunteers. It was attended by 17 members of Kewaunee County Association for Home and Community Education. The workshop helped volunteers identify their personality strengths and give them strategies for working well with others on a team.

Parent Circles – As a member of the child abuse prevention workgroup for the county, I am helping plan events to support parents. The series of three Parent Circles are scheduled for October at the Algoma Elementary School to help parents learn protective factors and build healthy families.

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Zoning Committee Meeting – Regular

Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2015
Time: 4:45 p.m.
Place: Kewaunee County Admin Center
Committee Room

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approve Last Month's Minutes
4. Changes and Additions to Agenda
5. Reports of Department Personnel
    1. Glenn Selner
        - A) Steve Hanson to discuss updating the Farmland Preservation Plan and Kewaunee County's Comprehensive Plan
        - B) Discuss Proposed 2016 Zoning Department Budget
        - C) Discuss Shoreland Zoning Grant
        - D) Discuss Sanitary & Zoning Violations
6. Communications
7. Approval of Travel Requests
8. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law
9. Overtime Report
10. Approval of Bills (regular monthly meeting only)
11. Adjournment

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