

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
July 1, 2015
4:00 P.M.
Kewaunee County Administration Center
Committee Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chairman Tom Romdenne at 4:00 PM
2. Roll Call - Bob Garfinkel, Ron Paider, Tom Romdenne, Gary Paape, Claire Thompson, Renee Koenig, Aerica Bjurstrom
3. Approval of Agenda/Minutes. A motion was made by Ron Paider and seconded by Bob Garfinkel to approve the agenda and minutes. Motion carried.
4. Citizen Input. None
5. Joint Meeting with Door County Ag & Extension – Aerica reported Door County held preliminary interviews to fill their Ag Agent position on July 1. Although they may not have someone in place by the time the joint meeting is scheduled to take place, Aerica suggested they move forward and schedule it since it's unclear when the new person will be on board. Door County will host, it will be held at the Peninsular Ag Research Station.
6. Co-Department Head Structure for Kewaunee County UWEX – Claire will temporarily (July 1-December 31) be working at 60% time and taking FMLA time. Aerica and Claire will split Department Head roles, Claire covering the state business and Aerica county business. Aerica will be the contact for county business. This role is temporary and will be revisited at the end of the year.
7. Educators Reports – Written – see attached.
8. Overtime. None
9. Approval – Travel. None
10. Approval – Bills Motion to approve bills by Bob Garfinkel, seconded by Ron Paider. Motion passed.
11. Set Future Committee Meeting Dates. The next meeting is scheduled for August 5 at 4 PM at the Administration Center. The September date is tentatively set for September 2, but will not be official until the date of the joint Door and Kewaunee Committee meeting can be set.
12. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Gary Paape, seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Moved to adjourn at 4:38 PM.

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.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

July 2015

Camp: Camp was held June 11-15, 2015 at Camp Bird in Marinette, WI. We camped again with Door and Calumet Counties and had a nice size camp this year. There were 29 (almost double from last year) youth from Kewaunee County that took part in the fun and educational summer camp experience. Youth in 3rd-6th grade participated in arts and crafts, team building, nature, waterfront, recreation, campfires, and a variety of other activities each day.

Ten Kewaunee County counselors had the opportunity to showcase their creativity, leadership, teamwork, speaking, and educational skills as counselors. Camp is a great opportunity for the youth staff to learn about leadership, communication, team work, role-modeling, planning and organizing, and responsibility. In addition to working with their cabin of youth, counselors have the opportunity to use some of their teaching skills by leading flex time activities, evening programs, campfires and a variety of other activities during camp. In addition, six volunteer chaperones joined us at camp this year. Thanks to everyone's help and cooperation, camp was a great educational experience for campers and counselors alike.

Area Animal Science Day: This year, Kewaunee County served as the host for the Northeast Area Animal Science Day (AASD). This is an event that we are asked to host about every ten years. I led a committee of volunteers through the planning and organizing of this event. The group began in working on this day starting in January and continued until the contest date at the end of June. To successfully hold this contest, we relied on help from over 70 volunteers and producers/farms. Sixteen different farms provided high quality animals for the event that made it one of the best AASD in the state. Area Animal Science Day is a statewide event that happens at four locations throughout the state each year. State specialists, local staff, and volunteers work together to create the day that is high quality and educational. During the contest, youth take part in animal evaluation and animal knowledge contests in animal species such as dairy, livestock, and horse. In addition, youth participate in an interactive educational session. Additionally, this is the qualifying contest for the state dairy and livestock evaluation contests. Over 325 youth and adults attended the event held in Kewaunee County this year. We received great feedback from state staff and participants about the organization and overall quality of the event.

State 4-H Youth Conference: Three youth from Kewaunee County took advantage of the opportunity to meet youth from around the state at the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Leadership Conference. Youth were provided with the opportunity to learn how to contribute to their communities, learn about 4-H and Extension programs, meet youth from diverse backgrounds, and strengthen communication, leadership, and life skills. Also, youth could choose to meet with state legislature, learn about the medical field, learn self-defense, learn about science and agriculture, improve public speaking skills, learn basic canoeing skills, or participate in a variety of other events. Prior to youth conference, I met with and provided an orientation to the youth and their families.

Upcoming Activities:

Fair: The Kewaunee County Fair will be held July 13(early judging day) and July 15-19. There are approximately 5,000 entries expected to be exhibited into the junior class portion of the fair. Entries range from livestock, to pets and cultural arts. The fair is one of the excellent opportunities that youth have to showcase what they have been working on in their particular project areas. This is a learning opportunity for youth to gain an outside perspective and find new ways to approach their projects. My ultimate goal is "blue ribbon youth" instead of youth who receive blue ribbons. I want youth to realize it is not receiving a blue ribbon that makes your project a success but what they have learned along the way is what will truly distinguish that their project is a winner.



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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.

Kewaunee County Agriculture and Extension Committee
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.