

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
December 2, 2015
3:00 P.M.
Kewaunee County Administration Center
Committee Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 3 PM by committee Chair Tom Romdenne.
2. Roll Call – Gary Paape, Tom Romdenne, Ron Paider, Bob Garfinkel, Renee Koenig, Aerica Bjurstrom, Claire Thompson
3. Approval of Agenda/Minutes – Motion to approve made by Gary Paape, seconded by Ron Paider. Motion passed.
4. Citizen Input – None
5. Educators Reports – Written. Claire spoke about her programming efforts over the last two months with Farm Market Kitchen, Farm to School Taskforce, and Algoma Summer Program.
6. Dog Damage Claims – none
7. UW-Extension Regionalization – Educators presented the regionalization format to the committee. Due to the budget cut to the UW-System, UW-Extension has been working on a plan to reorganize. Regional offices gave each county office the opportunity to submit thoughts about reorganization. The reorganization process will take time to implement and at this time the final plan has not been presented to UW-Extension.
8. Overtime – None
9. Approval – Travel – Jill Jorgensen will be participating in National Extension Leadership Development (NELD) in 2016. She has four trips out of the office to take throughout the course of the year, Chicago – January, Costa Rica – April, Washington, D.C. – July, and St. Paul – October. Motion to approve travel by Ron Paider, seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Motion passed.
10. Approval – Bills. Motion to approve bills made by Ron Paider, Seconded by Bob Garfinkel.
11. Set Future Committee Meeting Dates. Next meeting will be held on January 6 at 3 PM, and the following meeting is set for February 3 at 3 PM at the Administration Center.
12. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Gary Paape, seconded by Bob Garfinkel. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 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.

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Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for December 2, 2015

4-H Fall Forum – I presented a public speaking program at an Extension conference in April and was asked by the 4-H Associate program leader & volunteer specialist asked me to present the program at the 4-H Fall Forum. I presented the program to 24 4-H youth at the Fall Forum in Wisconsin Dells and had very good feedback from participants. Per their request, I sent the presentation to about half the kids who attended so they could use it to teach it to their clubs. I also presented the same program to the Fairest of the Fair candidates at the Fairest of the Fair Gala.

All-Faculty Conference – Attended the all-faculty conference in Madison. While there, I visited the University of Wisconsin Veterinary School and learned more about their programs and new apps. A research project is being developed with the East-Metro dairy agents to use the apps in real situations in order to gather data and provide general recommendations and farm-specific recommendations.

Farm Technology Days Extension Visioning Session – Met with a group of UW-Extension agents who previously hosted Farm Technology Days to develop a vision for the role of Extension in future shows. With the face of Extension changing in the future, the Farm Technology Days show will also need to adjust to the reorganization. The change probably won't impact the Kewaunee County show, it is a plan that will need to be implemented starting as soon as 2018. We will meet two or three more times to draw up a vision and plan.

Program Planning – Worked on developing a CAFO meeting in Green Bay and Fond du Lac in February. Topics will include leachate management, manure irrigation, and neighbor relations. Traditionally this meeting has drawn over 120 people each year.

Other programs in planning are the Modernization meeting (March), Heifer Meeting (February), and developing a research project.

I am also working with Annie Deutsch, the Door County Ag Agent to develop a land rental survey for early 2016.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

December 2, 2015

4-H Club and Committee Charter Renewal Process: I continued working 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 worked with the process to get all of the pieces together to file with the state 4-H office. All 4-H charters and financial documents need to be filed with the State 4-H Office. I reviewed these documents and then uploaded them to a state system for review.

4-H Teen Association: The 4-H Teen Association is gearing up for the annual Toys for Tots campaign. Last year, they began working with the program during the holiday season. I worked with the youth to make this a service learning project for the group. Service learning goes beyond community service and engages the members at levels of the service process. They are currently in the planning and collection phase of the service-learning project. One of the major activities that they plan is children's area. They are currently planning what activities that they are going to do with the children during this time. Typically, the teens plan child friendly, hands-on activities like decorating cookies and making crafts.

The teens issue a challenge to the 4-H community clubs to collect for the campaign. The club that collects the most gifts wins an ice cream and movie party from the teen association. This year the clubs were issued a challenge to collect food to distribute to the families. As in the past, a local church collects food for to distribute to a number of the families at Toys for Tots. The teens noted that it would be great if more families could receive food boxes. Any leftover food will be donated to the local food pantry. At a future meeting, we will be inviting someone from the food pantry to talk about the need for this service in our community. This service learning activity has a big impact on the youth involved in the 4-H Teen Association and they enjoy working with the program each year.

Exploring Higher Education with the Teen Association: The 4-H teens have been learning about continuing education after high school over the last two months. An admission's counselor from UW-Green Bay spent time with the teens at one of their meetings to talk about the college admissions' process, writing personal essays, and some things to consider as high school/middle school students if they are interested in pursuing high education. In November, the group went on a tour of St. Norbert College and spoke with an admissions counselor and current students about high education. The group was able to tour the facilities and learn about life on campus. Both opportunities lead to many questions and great discussion from the teens. At a future meeting, I am going to invite a representative from NWTC to speak with the group about the options available at a technical college. In addition, we will be working with members to put together a resume of their experiences to use with their future goals.

Professional Development: In November, I had the opportunity to attend the UW-Extension All Faculty Conference. This was an excellent opportunity to learn about inclusion from keynote speakers, concurrent sessions, and other educational opportunities. One session I found particularly interesting focusing on first generation 4-H members and inclusion in the 4-H program. I was able to reflect on potential opportunities for the current program as well as reaching new audiences. In addition, I appreciated the time to network with colleagues from throughout the state and work on topics that are pertinent to our county programs. This conference provided a number of great ideas that I hope to explore for Kewaunee County.

Upcoming Events

Project Day: The Kewaunee County annual Project Day planning is under way for 2016. The event is tentatively scheduled for March 2016. 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.

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

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Activities Report for December 2, 2015

UW-Extension State Conference – I attended the conference in Madison on November 11-12. I presented a session on the topic of digital parenting including the preliminary research findings I collected. The conference was helpful for me to learn about the work that my colleagues are doing around the state and connect with them to bring relevant opportunities back to Kewaunee County. Likewise, I hope that my colleagues will benefit from the work that I shared.

Door County Daily News and Radio – The Door County Daily News representative met with us and invited us to submit weekly news. I have been writing articles and recording audio clips on various topics to educate and inform the public audience.

Supporting Children When Parenting Apart – Each year Kewaunee County averages 48 divorces affecting 66 kids. In addition, a growing number of parents who never married are raising their children while living apart. UW-Extension Family Living provides a 4-hour class that meets the Wisconsin state statute for required parenting education. If you are interested in reading my full report summarizing the evaluations collected from parents, please contact me. I have shared the data with our Judge and Family Court Commissioner and I plan to share it with our future judge.

Survey of Families About Children's Summertime Activities – Jill, Claire, Jenny and I have worked collaboratively to develop a survey to identify the needs and interests of parents relating to summer programs and activities for children. We hope to gather data that will inform our efforts for educational outreach.

Parent Circles – Results from the surveys that parents filled out after our Parent Circles held at Algoma Elementary School in October were positive. A majority of the parents reported that they plan to make positive changes in the way they interact with their children. Due to the success, our committee is planning to hold another series in the Kewaunee School District.

Home and Community Educators (HCE) Association – I helped the organization plan their educational programs for 2016 and develop their annual budget.

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Activities Report for October & November, 2015
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Economic and Organizational Development:

- Committed to serving on Completed report and facilitation for Kewaunee County Public Health Department's 2015 Community Health Assessment process.
- Completed report for First Impressions trip between the City of Algoma and the City of Oconto. Organized follow-up of community stakeholders.
- Continued participation and planning work on Live Well Algoma Community initiative.
- Developed survey research tool with Jill Jorgensen, Jenny Spude and Renee Koenig to assess youth summer activity/programming needs in Algoma.

Local Food System Economy:

- Initiated planning work for Kewaunee County TAC advisory committee initiative "Let's Get to Work – Getting Youth with Disabilities into the workplace."
- Planning assistance to Farm Technology Days Food Committee.
- Program development and planning for fermenters program at the Farm Market Kitchen (beer, wine, hard cider).
- Committed to serving on Algoma Farm to School Task Force
- Provided business planning to two entrepreneurs considering opening food related businesses in Kewaunee County.
- 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.
- Implementation and planning assistance for Taste of Kewaunee County event held in October.

Other:

- UWEX Tenor Advisory Committee and Standards, Rank and Promotion Committee work.
- Administrative duties associated with Co-Department head role.
- UWEX All Faculty Conference attendance.
- Extended reduced appointment to 60% FTE until June 30, 2016.

Zoning Committee Meeting
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room
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Minutes

Call to Order:

Chairman Tom Romdenne called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Department Report:

Glenn Selner updated the committee on the Wisconsin Fund Grant program. \$189,305.00 has been paid out to 40 of the 46 applicants. Of the remaining 6 applicants, money has been requested for 3 of them and the other 3 have not had their septic systems installed yet.

Glenn informed the committee that the money has been requested from the Department of Natural Resources for the Shoreland NR 115 grant to help with the revisions of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Glenn received a letter from the DNR stating the grant money had to be requested by December 31, 2015. Glenn will be attending a meeting in December and will get more information regarding updating the ordinance at that time.

Glenn and the committee discussed 3 sanitary violations.

Next Meeting Dates:

January 6, 2016 and February 3, 2016 at 3:00 P.M. 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 4:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Andrea Schmidt, Recording Secretary

