

**Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting**  
**June 1, 2016**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**Kewaunee County Administration Center**  
**County Board Room**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes
5. Approve Rules and Duties of Extension Education & Zoning Committee
6. WNEP Agreement Letter for FY17 Programming
7. Citizen Input
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.

**Ag & Extension Report**  
**Aerica Bjurstrom, Agriculture Agent**  
**Prepared for June 1, 2016**

**Applied Research** – Working as lead of a digital dermatitis project that will include scoring over 3,000 dairy cows in a 10-county region. The group of collaborators in the project met for a second training in May at a farm in Dodge County to score hoof lesions caused from digital dermatitis. A series of fact sheets addressing hoof health, foot bath protocols, and management will be developed. Reports and articles will result from the project and will be submitted to Hoard's Dairyman, Wisconsin Agriculturist, and other local publications.

Assisted in collecting data from a Kewaunee County farm on a calf sanitation study. Two farms in Kewaunee County have participated in the project, which is being led by the Oconto county agriculture agent. A total of 15 farms in seven counties have participated in the project.

**Farm Technology Days** – The executive committee is currently working on hiring an executive assistant to manage backlog of calls and emails regarding the show. They will start out at approximately 5 hours a week and build up to 40+ as the show approaches. The committee received eight applications for the position and will be filling it in early June. The executive assistant will start on July 1. Committees continue to submit tentative budgets to the executive committee and all committees should be tentatively approved by August. We will revisit budgets later in the year or early next year to make sure we are still on track with expenses and income.

**Scissor Clipping** – Scissor Clipping alfalfa samples is an annual event that is put on UW-Extension. Scissor clipping involves selecting several sites around Kewaunee County representing various climates and varieties of alfalfa. I collect samples and take them to the forage lab in DePere. The lab returns a complete analysis of the samples and I in turn send out forage values to an email list of approximately 300 recipients. Results are also sent to local radio and TV stations where they are shared with listeners/viewer. This year's cool dry weather made it difficult for alfalfa to get going, but once the warmer weather started, the crop grew nicely. Most farmers will be harvesting the last week of May and early June, which is typical for most years. Winter damage was minimal this year due to good snow cover and consistent winter temperatures.

**Conservation Day** – Held the Conservation Tour for 300 sixth grade students at Kewaunee, Luxemburg-Casco, and the parochial schools in Kewaunee County. I was happy to welcome Algoma School District to the tour this year for the first time in many years. I organize the event for the schools and set up tour stops. Stops include Pagel's Ponderosa digester, Kewaunee Fish Hatchery, NEW Plastics, Rosiere Wind Farm, Kewaunee Landfill, and Wagner's managed forest area. Each stop is 45 minutes and the buses travel to each site throughout the day. The program is meant to focus on, and educate the youth on natural resources and renewable energy.

**Rural Safety Day** – Hosted approximately 275 children and 50 adult chaperones and teachers at Rural Safety Day at the fairgrounds. All third grade children in the county attend Rural Safety Day. Fifteen stations were set up for children to visit. Each session was 15 minutes and covered topics such as pet safety, 4-wheeler safety, bully prevention, electrical safety, farmstead safety, wildlife, and many more. I manage the budget for the event and get a grant from the UW Center for Ag Safety and Health and matching fund donation from the Kewaunee County Farm Bureau. I also presented large animal safety at one of the stations at the event.

**Alfalfa Training/Dairy Team** – Attended a two-day program at the Arlington Research Station that combined a state-wide dairy team meeting and an alfalfa forage training. The team meeting included program planning and development of programs for 2016-2017. The alfalfa training included a professor/researcher from Penn State University and UW-Madison specialists in alfalfa and pest management.

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

Activities report for June 1, 2016

**Rural Safety Day-** Rural Safety Day was held at the fairgrounds again this year. Nearly all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in the county attend the educational event. The presentations on safety are rated highly by the school teachers.

**Programs for Home and Community Educators (HCE)** – In April, I presented to HCE members on the topic of green cleaning for a safer home and healthier planet. I also presented at the HCE banquet about mindfulness for stress management and healthier minds.

**Nutrition and Physical Activity** – I participate in a coalition addressing nutrition and physical activity. A monthly calendar of physical activity opportunities is shared widely across the county to promote healthy activities and events.

**Ancient Grains** – I presented at the Algoma Community Wellness Center on the topic of Ancient Grains and Whole Grains including healthy recipes and food preparation tips.

**Home Alone** – I have a display at the Kewaunee Public Library to inform parents about the program. The Home Alone program helps parents prepare their children for self-care. I helped develop an online video based curriculum with UW-Extension colleagues in Calumet and Manitowoc counties. I will be presenting at the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences conference in Big Sky, Montana in September. My hope is that these presentations will allow more families to learn about the Home Alone program and keep their children safe.

**Trauma Informed Parenting** – I have completed 16-hour Trauma Informed Parenting Training along with the staff from Human Services Children and Families. The training is part of Wisconsin's comprehensive approach designed to address the needs of children, families and their communities.

**Health Literacy Training** – I attended a training on Health Literacy in Appleton. There are numerous resources available to medical providers and families on how to reduce healthcare jargon and improve the understanding of medical issues. UW-Extension partners with Covering Wisconsin for health insurance literacy.

Kewaunee County Agriculture and Extension Committee  
Activities Report for May, 2016  
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator  
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Economic and Organizational Development:

- Survey development, research and facilitation assistance and survey development for Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department Fit for Duty initiative.
- Continued facilitating community action planning for First Impressions Team for the City of Algoma.
- Facilitation and research to develop the Ahnapee Trail Head in Algoma in cooperation with First Impressions Team and the LIVE Well Algoma Community Initiative.
- Met with one entrepreneur to provide business planning education for small scale dairy operation.

Local Food System Economy:

- Promotional and resource support "Women Caring for the Land" program with Midwest Organic and Educational Service and Rural Enterprise Network held at the Farm Market Kitchen
- Continued participation and planning assistance for Algoma Farm to School Task Force and preparation for Annual Farm to Cafeteria conference in Madison. Received SARE grant to attend the conference.
- 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.
- Continued program development and planning for events and educational programs at the Farm Market Kitchen.

Other:

- CNRED In-Service participation in Wausau
- Extended reduced appointment to 60% FTE until June 30, 2016.
- Participation in UWEX CRD Standards, Rank and Promotion Committee.