Chair Stillman called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

1. The meeting was properly announced.

   Also present: Paula Hella; Tami Gasch; Todd Romenesko, Dan DeBonis, Michelle Wright, and Alice Connors
   Excused: Joe Mueller
   Absent: Mike Hofberger

3. Chair Stillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Moved by Gentz and seconded by Laughrin to approve the agenda for the, April 10, 2017, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried.

5. Moved by Gentz and seconded by Laughrin to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2017, Ag & Extension Education Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

6. Public Participation
   None

7. Report of Committee Members
   a. Reports of official meetings held since the last Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
      i. Laughrin attended budget hearing meeting in Berlin. Transportation was primary topic. There were advocates for educational funding there as well. Extension was brought up several times. The people who spoke felt that regional coverage could work out well, particularly when considering the change in the ag industry.
      ii. Gentz - Land and Water Conservation meeting. A lot of discussion on Extension and what would happen in the counties. Opportunity to listen to the leadership in several ag get-togethers regarding what is happening with watersheds and the correlation with manure spreading. Also noted the other things that impact water quality.
      iii. Laughrin - State Land and Water Board meeting. Status of large farm permit outside of Plymouth. Discussed the status of dairy export to Canada, directly impacting Wisconsin dairy farmers.
   b. Upcoming Events
      None

8. Communications
   None
9. **Items for Action or Discussion**
   a. **Tami Gasch, Interim 4-H Youth Development Educator – Calumet County 4-H Enrollment**  
      (Handout, Calumet County 4-H Enrollment Overview)
      Registration: 330 youth enrolled. 142 adult volunteers. 14 clubs in Calumet County. No new clubs this year. Forest Ever Ready 4-H Club has disbanded; the members have graduated. Stockbridge area does not have a club, but there are Stockbridge youth participating in nearby clubs. Enrollment can begin in Kindergarten. Once youth are in 3\(^{rd}\) grade, they have full member benefits and they can begin to take animals and projects to the fair. Cloverbuds are restricted to four items. Animal Sciences followed by Communications and Expressive Arts are the most popular projects that youth enroll in.

   b. **Paula Hella, Family Living Educator – Public Issues and Leadership Development**
      2017 Wisconsin Delegate to Washington DC Public Leadership and Development Conference.  
      (Two handouts). Spent time in Representative Gallagher’s and Senator Baldwin’s offices. Spoke about the work Extension does nationally, statewide, and locally within the county. Last year, over 1 million educational contacts were made in Wisconsin.

10. **Report of Department**
    a. nEXT Generation Update
       Since we last met, Assistant Deans have been named – Dave Berard (Northern area) and Matt Hanson (Southern area). Area Extension Director positions will be posted later this week.

11. **Set next meeting date:** The next meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 8:30 am.

12. **Closed Session:**
    Gentz moved and Connors seconded the motion to go into closed session to discuss UW-Extension contract negotiations pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

13. **Adjourn**
    Connors moved to adjourn and Gentz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.