

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
**AGRICULTURAL & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
Monday, February 11, 2019

Chairman Gentz called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

1. The meeting was properly announced.
2. Members present: Merlin Gentz, Mike Hofberger, Joe Mueller, Pat Laughrin, and Duaine Stillman  
Also present: Tami Gasch, 4-H Program Coordinator; Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Extension Educator; Catherine Neiswender, Extension Assistant Dean; and Chris Viau, Extension Area 10 Director

Introductions were made

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Moved by Supervisor Stillman and seconded by Supervisor Mueller to approve the agenda for the February 11, 2019, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Moved by Supervisor Hofberger and seconded by Supervisor Mueller to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019, Agriculture & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Public Participation - none
7. Report of Committee Members
  - a. Reports of official meetings held since the last Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
    - Supervisor Laughrin reported on a legislative meeting with WCA in Madison last week.
  - b. Upcoming Events
    - None reported
8. Communications - none reported
9. Items for Action or Discussion
  - a. Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Extension Educator
    - Review of January Ag Programs -
      - Reviewed the Supporting Farmers during Challenging Times program that was co-sponsored by four area counties, partnered with Family Living educators as well for their expertise.
      - Media coverage: USA Today connected with a farmer to develop a year-long story bringing awareness to the current situations farmers are facing; television coverage received for cold weather and effects on cows.
    - Calumet Agriculture Stewardship Alliance - Extension, Land & Water, and area farmers working on issues to address surface and groundwater quality issues through education and best practices.
  - b. Tami Gasch, 4-H Program Coordinator
    - 4-H Youth Development Life Skills Model - Tami shared the 4-H Youth Development Life Skills Model. She discussed how activities in 4-H are designed to practice life skill development for members and volunteers. The committee was asked to participate in a scenario that new 4-H volunteers complete as part of their initial training.

10. Report of Department
  - a. Chris Viau, Area 10 Extension Director, and Catherine Neiswender, Extension Assistant Dean
    - Chris gave an introduction to his background as the new Area 10 Extension Director.
    - Area and State Extension Updates - the transition to UW Madison continues.
    - Area Extension Director Transition - Neiswender provided a brief update on how the transition is occurring between Catherine and Chris, related to budget, personnel, and office team interaction.
11. Set next meeting date: The next meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee will be held on March 11, 2019 at 10:30 am.
12. Adjourn  
Supervisor Mueller moved to adjourn and Supervisor Stillman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.