

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE CALUMET COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Monday, February 8, 2021

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

1. The meeting was properly announced.
2. Supervisors present: Merlin Gentz, Joe Mueller, Marilyn Schuh, and Duaine Stillman.
Also present: Chris Viau, Extension Area 10 Director; Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Educator; Carlea Liermann, 4-H Program Educator; and Connie Leonhard, Program Assistant.
Mike Hofberger connected at 10:40 am.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Moved by Supervisor Mueller and seconded by Supervisor Schuh to approve the agenda for the February 8, 2021, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried, 4-0.
5. Moved by Supervisor Schuh and seconded by Supervisor Stillman to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020, Agriculture & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried, 4-0.
6. Report of Committee Members
 - a. Reports of official meetings held since the last Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
 - none
 - b. Upcoming Events
 - none
7. Communications
 - none
8. Items for Action or Discussion
 - a. Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Educator
 - Focus on Forage Webinar Series Update – Amber reported on the Focus on Forage Webinar Series. The Calumet County Forage Council and other area councils will be hosting the event on February 10 featuring Tom Klicer, who will be presenting on alternative forages when alfalfa stands fails. This webinar will be replacing their usual in-person winter meeting. Amber shared evaluation data that has been collected so that the FOF Webinar committee knows the impact that they are making and the audience that is being reached.
 - b. Carlea Liermann, 4-H Program Educator
 - Pie SPIN (**SP**ecial **IN**terest) Club – A six-week virtual class is being held for middle and high school youth on pie making. Currently four Calumet County families have registered. Each week, participants will learn pie-making skills – starting with simpler, crumb crust pies in week 1 to single crust pie; meringue pie; double crust pot pie; double crusted lattice fruit pie in week 5. During week 6, participants will make their own pie and have it evaluated by a fair judge. Carlea will be teaching the double-crust pot pie.
 - Winter Leadership Camp, February 5-6, Via Zoom – 51 youth from 13 counties have registered; five from Calumet County. Carlea is teaching the session on teamwork. A virtual 4-H escape room will be held to add activity and movement to the zoom leadership training.

9. Report of Department

a. Chris Viau, Area 10 Extension Director

- Department Updates – Extension employees are still mostly working remotely through the end of March; updates are expected in the next couple of weeks. Spring and summer program guidance will be provided by the end of April.
- Area/State Updates – Opportunities for collaborations and partnerships with statewide colleagues are happening because of the shift to virtual programming. A catalog of best practices and lessons learned with virtual programming are being documented (both successes and failures). Chris informed the committee about legislation that may impact Extension.

Mike requested that FoodWise present at a future meeting.

10. Set next meeting date: The next meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 8 and April 12, at 10:30 am.

11. Adjourn

Chairman Gentz declared the meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.