

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE CALUMET COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Monday, April 12, 2021

Chairman Gentz called the meeting to order at 10:30 am in Room #015 of the Calumet County Courthouse.

1. The meeting was properly announced.
2. Supervisors present: Merlin Gentz, Mike Hofberger, Joe Mueller, Marilyn Schuh, and Duaine Stillman. Also present: Carlea Liermann, 4-H Program Educator; Miranda Dawson, FoodWise Nutrition Educator; and Chris Viau, Extension Area 10 Director. Excused: Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Educator.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Moved by Supervisor Stillman and seconded by Supervisor Schuh to approve the agenda for the April 12, 2021, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.
5. Moved by Supervisor Mueller and seconded by Supervisor Stillman to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021, 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 Stillman brought up a class action lawsuit related to the dairy industry and pricing structures.
 - b. Upcoming Events
 - none
8. Communications - none
9. Items for Action or Discussion
 - a. Carlea Liermann, 4-H Program Educator
 - Collaborations - Carlea discussed the different partnerships and collaborations she has with Project Boxes, Discover 4-H, and future partnerships. Area 10 Educators received a \$5,000 grant through the Fox Cities Community Foundation for the Discover 4-H Program to reach up to 150 youth. Some other collaborations include Big Brothers Big Sisters, Ascension, Brillion Public Library, and some of the schools in the district.
 - 4-H Program Update - Carlea provided evaluation results from the pre- and post-test from the Easy as Pie SPIN Club to show the value that can be created in a virtual program. She also shared updates on the Cloverbud meetings, summer camp, Pinewood Derby, and 4-H clubs.
 - b. Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Educator
 - Ag Program Update - Amber provided a written update.
 - c. Miranda Dawson, FoodWise Nutrition Educator
 - 4-H Cooking and Nutrition Project Boxes are a collaborative effort with Area 10 FoodWise Educators and 4-H Program Educators. FoodWise Educators are creating recipe how-to videos and identify healthy recipes for families to use.
 - Update on FoodWise in school programs to use BitMoji Classrooms. Classes participated asynchronous in Fall 2020.
 - Miranda also recorded videos that included an introduction to the weekly virtual classroom.

- FoodWise is also offering “Keep Calm and Cook On” parent-focused Zoom meetings. Head Start and WIC have been partners in this initiative in all of Area 10 counties. After participation in the lesson, families receive recipe bags with ingredients to make the recipe that was demonstrated.
- Miranda will be starting garden nutrition education projects this summer.

d. Wisconsin Extension Association (WEXA) Update

- 2021 dues are included in the 2021 budget and will be paid per county process.

10. Report of Department

a. Chris Viau, Area 10 Extension Director

- Department Report –
 - Facility- staff transitioning from UW imposed remote work restrictions to increased in-person programming.
- Area/State Updates –
 - State budget update provided regarding the 2021-2022 budget.

11. Set next meeting date: The next Agriculture and Extension Education Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 10, at 10:30 am.

12. Adjourn

Chairman Gentz declared the meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.