

Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: May 13, 2024

Call to Order: County Administrator Wehmeier called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Roll Call: Committee members present in person: John Kannard and Dwayne Morris. Dan Herbst and Elizabeth Hafften were present via Zoom.

Christine Wen, Janel Heidelmeier, Jerry Wilcenski, Lisa Krolow, Alison Pfau and Katelyn Broedlow were present in-person. Ben Wehmeier and Meghan Splinter were present via Zoom.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law: In compliance.

Approval of Agenda: No changes.

Election of Officers – Chair and Vice Chair: Mr. Wehmeier called for nominations for Chair. Morris nominated John Kannard for chair, seconded by Herbst. Call for nominations was called 3 times by Mr. Wehmeier. Mr. Wehmeier closed nominations. Vote of the majority to elect John Kannard Chair of the committee was taken. Unanimous vote received in favor.

Mr. Wehmeier turned the meeting over to Chair Kannard.

Chair Kannard called for nominations for vice chair. Morris nominated Foelker for vice chair, seconded by Kannard. Motion approved.

Carolina Pinzón joined the meeting at 8:50am.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from April 8, 2024: Motion by Morris, seconded by Kannard, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Communications: None.

Introduction to Extension: Wen referred to the handouts in our packet. Wen provided a general overview of Extension to the committee members and the positions Jefferson County has. Wen explained our funding sources and how they are used to meet the Extension mission. Wen state that Extension is Wisconsin's largest classroom.

Review of 2024 Departmental Budget: Wen stated we are on target.

Extension Office Marketing Plan: Wen stated we have been updating our website, creating Facebook posts and working on the annual report. The office team continues to work on determining the needs in the community. A survey was created to help identify these needs. Discussion occurred.

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports:

Committee members received the Extension April 2024 written report in their agenda packets.

Steve Chmielewski, Community Development Educator, was unable to attend the meeting. His written report was provided.

Alison Pfau, Regional Dairy Educator, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Pfau introduced Carolina Pinzón, Bilingual Dairy Outreach Specialist, for the state.

- Pfau has started meeting with researchers of the methane study. They are planning educational items for Alison to create.
- Wrote an article, Water: A critical and undervalued nutrient in dairy calves.
- The workshop on handling and administering vaccines and medicine in cattle was a great success.
- Pfau has been working with Pinzon on creating a statewide group that are interested in robotic milking. The goal is to educate these individuals on what the pros and cons are of robotic milking.
- Continues to connect with dairy farms to education them on different topics and give them trainings.
- Discussion occurred.

Priscilla Gonzalez joined the meeting at 8:50am.

Jerry Wilcenski, 4-H educator, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Wilcenski is on a statewide committee who are working on going through and updating all the 4-H curriculum.
- Wilcenski taught at a workshop in Walworth County on sheep.
- The Jefferson County Livestock Project Learning Day is this weekend for 4-H'ers to attend and learn about various topics on different species.
- Continues to work on his plan of work.
- Discussion occurred.

Julie Hill, Horticulture Educator, was unable to attend the meeting. Her written report was provided.

Lisa Krolow, FoodWise Coordinator, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Introduced Priscilla Gonzalez the Walworth and Jefferson FoodWise Program Educator.
- Krolow provided a general overview of FoodWise to the committee.
- Collaborated with the UW-Whitewater food pantry. They attended an event at the food pantry and handed out recipes to students on food they can use from the pantry.
- Hosted four events for Jefferson County Head Start in April on budgeting for healthy food and food safety. They offered a Zoom meeting in both English and Spanish.
- Krolow was contacted by two housing sites in Jefferson County to start an educational series at their locations. One is in Watertown and the other is in Fort Atkinson.

Josh Kamps, Regional Crops Educator, was unable to attend the meeting. His written report was provided.

Possible Items of Discussion/Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings: None.

Next Scheduled Meetings: June 10, July 8, August 12

Adjourn – Motion by Morris, seconded by Kannard, to adjourn at 9:17am.

Minutes recorded by Katelyn Broedlow, Administrative Specialist