

Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: June 10, 2024

Call to Order: John Kannard called the meeting to order at 8:52am.

Roll Call: Committee members present in person: John Kannard and Matt Foelker. Dan Herbst was present via Zoom.

Christine Wen, Jerry Wilcenski, Alison Pfau, Josh Kamps, Katelyn Broedlow and Meghan Splinter were present in-person. Ben Wehmeier was present via Zoom.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law: In compliance.

Approval of Agenda: No changes.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from May 13, 2024: Motion by Kannard, seconded by Foelker, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Communications: None.

Review of 2024 Departmental Budget: Kannard stated the budget looks good.

Review and Discussion of the Division of Extension – County Partnership Guidance Document: Wen stated she welcomes feedback and input on the document.

2023 Annual Report: Wen stated she will be presenting the Extension Annual Report tomorrow night at the County Board to tell the story of Extension and the work the educators have done.

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports:

Committee members received the Extension May 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.

- Currently, working on writing an article on the measures of methane in dairy cattle.
- Attending a dairy conference next week in Florida to learn about dairy updates, new projects and research.
- Helping to plan and develop a meeting for dairy producers on automatic milking systems.

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

- Cloverbud Day Camp will be at Never Rest Dairy at the end of June and youth will learn about the dairy industry.
- The Livestock Project Learning Day happened in May. There were 75 kids in attendance. Each livestock project had different classes for the youth to learn about the specific species.
- Ran a food stand at the Spring Preview Livestock Show.
- Currently wrapping up this 4-H year and getting ready for fair.

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

Lisa Krolow, FoodWise Coordinator, was unable to attend the meeting.

Josh Kamps, Regional Crops Educator, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Actively working on the moth tracking network. This is in partnership with the Department of Ag. They supply everything needed to do this. This project helps the educators get an idea of when the moths are entering the state so that they can time their scouting on when the moths lay eggs and the larva hatches.
- Currently working on nitrogen plots with farmers. Specifically, one farm in Jefferson County – looking at nitrogen credits available from alfalfa cover crop.
- Researching the benefit of manure crop application.
- It has been about a year but the state is no longer in a drought period.
- Collaborating with the Weed Science Team at the farm in Rock County.
- Working on a team who is putting together a crop scouting training. This training will first be presented internally and then will be presented to agronomists and students next year.
- The Crops and Soils Update Tour Team is working on their annual meeting to be hosted in 3 different locations in the state to introduce new research from UW-Madison.
- Discussion occurred.

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

Next Scheduled Meetings: July 8, August 12, September 9

Adjourn – Motion by Foelker, seconded by Kannard, to adjourn at 9:16am.

Minutes recorded by Katelyn Broedlow, Administrative Specialist