

Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: July 8, 2024

Call to Order: John Kannard called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

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

Christine Wen, Jerry Wilcenski, Alison Pfau, Julie Hill, Lisa Krolow, 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: Motion by Foelker, seconded by Herbst.

Elizabeth Knoebel joined the meeting at 8:31am.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from June 10, 2024: Motion by Foelker, seconded by Kannard, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Dwayne Morris joined the meeting at 8:32am.

Communications: None.

Review of 2024 Departmental Budget: Kannard stated the budget is on target.

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports:

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

Steve Chmielewski joined the meeting at 8:34am.

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

- Working with the AMS group to host meetings with dairy producers who already have robotic milking systems to see what challenges they have.
- Will be hosting an educational outreach event for dairy producers at the research center. There will be a farm tour for the dairy producers to help them understand how methane is measured. There will be specialists there to answer questions.
- Planning for a training in the fall for employees on calving and neonatal care.
- Discussion occurred.

Josh Kamps joined the meeting at 8:38am.

Steve Chmielewski, Community Development Educator, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Working with the entrepreneurship network for communities to establish their own support system on entrepreneurship. The first phase is happening this summer. This phase looks at where the community is at and what they need to do. It sets the course for where they need to go in their community.
- Working with Sustain Jefferson to start a strategic planning process.
- Next week he will be at the Community Development Society Convention in Omaha, Nebraska and will be presenting there.

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

- Handed out an example of a skill-a-thon test for livestock youth. These tests will be taken at the fair.
- Cloverbud Day Camp happened at Never Rest Dairy Farm. Youth were able to experience what life on the farm is like.
- We will be at the fair for the week.

Julie Hill, Horticulture Educator, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Answering questions on a wide variety of questions that continue to come in.
- Hosted a program on small space gardening at the Johnson Creek Library.
- Hosted a program online on reducing chemical use.
- Upcoming programs at Waterloo Library and Jefferson Library.
- Starting to schedule out programs into the fall and winter.

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

- Wrapped up a 5-week series in Watertown at subsidized housing site.
- Attended a tai chi training for arthritis and fall prevention. Planning to host some classes at senior centers in the county.
- Priscilla will be hosting a series at a housing site in Jefferson County starting in August.

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

- Continues to work with a farm on a nitrogen optimization trial in Jefferson County. They are looking at the nitrogen rate in conjunction with the management that the farmer is choosing. This trial is looking at nitrogen credits for their alfalfa crop.
- Will be hosting a crop management series on different education topics at the rock county farm.
- Developing a crop scouting school that will be made available next spring.
- Statewide Events - Helping plan and support the Water and Soil Health Conference. Also helping plan the Badger Crops and Soils Update which bring in specialists on the latest research they have been doing.
- Monitoring diseases on crops.

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

Next Scheduled Meetings: August 12, September 9, October 14

Adjourn – Motion by Foelker, seconded by Morris, to adjourn at 9:01am.

Minutes recorded by Katelyn Broedlow, Administrative Specialist