

Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: August 12, 2024

Call to Order: John Kannard called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Roll Call: Committee members present in person: John Kannard, Matt Foelker, and Dwayne Morris. Elizabeth Hafften was present via Zoom.

Christine Wen, Jerry Wilcenski, Steve Chmielewski, and Meghan Splinter were present in-person.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law: In compliance.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Morris, seconded by Foelker.

Public Comment: None.

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

Communications: None.

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

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports:

Alison Pfau, Regional Dairy Educator

Christine Wen, Area Extension Director, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Pfau is a part of a 10 session Spanish and English-Speaking Webinar on dairy cattle care. Pfau is teaching one of the ten sessions. There is one session every Wednesday at 12pm CST starting on September 4th and going until November 6th.
- Pfau is having a Spanish speaking workshop on calving management practices in October. She has 45 people signed up.

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

- Working with Wisconsin rural residents. Chmielewski is working with people in the state and nationally on ways to provide support across the state through outreach.
- Working with Sustain Jefferson to help 300 members with challenges.

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

- The Jefferson County Fair went well. The youth did a scavenger hunt, skillathon, and a youth survey. 4-H was involved in helping the youth livestock auction. Will be getting together with the fair park in September to discuss the future of 4-H working together with the Fair Park.
- Participation has dropped at the fair. Figuring out ways to bring the numbers back up in all projects.

Julie Hill, Horticulture Educator

Christine Wen, Area Extension Director, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Answering a lot of questions about different types of bugs.
- Preparing for more horticulture events.

Lisa Krolow, FoodWise Coordinator

Christine Wen, Area Extension Director, provided an oral report for the committee.

- Preparing for more different programming sites before the school year starts.
- Busy working at the senior housing sites.

Josh Kamps, Regional Crops Educator

Christine Wen, Area Extension Director, provided an oral report for the committee

- Just had field day at a farm in Rock County. It was a good turnout. It was high in attendance.

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

Next Scheduled Meetings: September 9, October 14, November 11

Adjourn – Motion by Foelker, seconded by Morris, to adjourn at 9:26 am.

Minutes recorded by Meghan Splinter, Administrative Assistant