

Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: November 11, 2024

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

Roll Call: Committee members present in person: John Kannard, Dan Herbst, Matt Foelker, and Dwayne Morris.

Josh Kamps was present via zoom.

Jerry Wilcenski, Chrissy Wen, Lisa Krolow, Steve Chmielewski, Meghan Splinter and Katelyn Broedlow were present in-person.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law: In compliance.

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

Public Comment: None.

Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from October 14, 2024: Motion by Foelker, seconded by Herbst, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Communications: None.

Review of 2024 Departmental Budget: Wen stated we are still on track for year. The second payment on the contract will happen soon.

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports:

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

- Working with Sustain Jefferson on finalizing their strategic plan. Sustain Jefferson works with the community and families to help people live more sustainably.
- Continues to work with the City of Jefferson Rural on Extension's program – Rural Entrepreneurial Venture.
- Discussion was had.

Michael Luckey joined meeting via zoom at 8:35am

Julie Hill joined the meeting via zoom at 8:36am

Alison Pfau joined the meeting at 8:41am.

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

- Finished the EI Break Info Lechero webinar series. Pfau is currently working on creating videos from the series to use as education.
- Continues to create videos in Arlington for the methane migration research project.
- Working on a roadshow program on dairy nutrition that will be offered in both Spanish and English.
- The AMS group continues to meet and talk about issues, problems and new ideas.
- Discussion was had.

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

- Returned from the trip to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, Canada – 12 people went. The youth needed to receive educational points and qualify to go on the trip.
- The 4-H Awards Banquet was held at the Fair Park yesterday.
- The first bake off/cook off of the 4-H year will be happening on Sunday.

- Much of the fall programming has begun.
- Discussion was had.

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

- The horticulture program is pretty quiet right now but she continues to answer a few questions as they come in.
- A survey was sent to those who she answered questions for over the year.
- Wrapped up all online webinars for horticulture.
- Planning has started for next year.

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

- Wrapped up the year at the end of September.
- It was the biggest year in Jefferson county with 16 series, 80 encounters for direct education, 754 county residents participated, 33% were Hispanic.
- Many new partners were gained and we are still growing here in Jefferson County.
- Discussion was had.

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

- Recently had conversations with other conservation organizations in Jefferson County and they discussed how they can all work together.
- Planning a meeting with Alison on agronomy and animal nutrition which will be happening in February.
- Working on the crop production forecast for 2025 and putting together resources for information on budgeting.
- On December 4 the Crops and Soils Update Meeting will be happening at Arlington.
- On December 17 and 18 the Wisconsin Water & Soil Health Conference will be held.

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

Next Scheduled Meetings: December 9, January 13, February 10

Adjourn – Motion by Foelker, seconded by Herbst, to adjourn at 9:05 am.

Minutes recorded by Katelyn Broedlow, Administrative Specialist