

Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: December 9, 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 and Matt Foelker.

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

Libby Hafften and Josh Kamps were present via zoom.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law: In compliance.

Approval of Agenda: No changes were made.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from November 11, 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 wrapping up the year. We just received the second invoice for the contract and will be paid soon.

Dwayne Morris joined meeting at 8:33am

Discussion and Possible Action – Revised 2024-2025 Extension Contract: Wen stated that the Regional Dairy Educator was changed from 4 to 5 counties and the fee was adjusted for the 2024/2025 contract. The other change was for the Horticulture Educator changed from .1 FTE to .2 FTE for the 2024/2025 contract. Motion by Herbst, seconded by Foelker to approve the revised 2024-2025 Extension Contract. Motion passed.

Julie Hill joined meeting at 8:35am

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports:

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

- Working with Sustain Jefferson to wrap up the strategic planning process.
- Continues to work with the City of Jefferson Rural on Extension's program – Rural Entrepreneurial Venture. It is a three-year commitment.
- Recently was certified as a Real Colors facilitator. This training is for employees to better understand their own temperaments and those around them. Has had conversations with Michael Luckey on what departments or organization would benefit from this training.
- Youth Government Day is in its early planning.
- Discussion was had.

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

- Cloverbud Meetings have started.
- The first bake off/cook off of the 4-H year happened last month and about 15 youth participated.
- Continues to work on the state committee to review 4-h literature. They are working on creating new project and program literature.

- Currently a part of the Native American Youth Champions Group and just did a presentation for the group.
- Meats Judging meetings are starting up as well as many other projects are starting up for the year.
- Leaders Association kitchen at Fair Park.
- Discussion was had.

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

- The horticulture program is winding down for the year.
- 300 inquiries came in this year and 25% came from Jefferson County.
- Most of the questions received came through email, phone calls or the online form.
- The most common questions were regarding plant diseases, fruit growing and tree questions. Many of the questions coming in now are on indoor plants or planning for next year.
- Presented 15 programs in Jefferson County on small space/container gardening.
- 20 state webinars happened this year on a variety of topics.
- Working on a needs assessment of the area to see what the community would like to see for programming in the future.

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

- Working on rolling out the Strong Bodies series here in Jefferson county.
- Scheduling the series with Head Start in 10 classrooms in Jefferson county for the year.
- Discussion was had.

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

- Working with the entomologist at the Department of Ag on a Corn Root Worm field practice study.
- Making plans for moth trapping outreach work for 2024/2025. Working on getting more traps placed to get a better idea of the migration for the year.
- Rock County Farm has some interesting field plots being looked at.
- Working with dodge county on a barley trial.
- Cover Crop work being done/studied.
- Grain markets look tight for this year as well as moving forward. Resources will be available for growers.
- On December 17 and 18 the Wisconsin Water & Soil Health Conference will be held.
- Discussion was had.

Alison Pfau joined meeting at 8:56am

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

- Webinar that was held in Spanish can now be viewed on YouTube.
- A part of the Dairy Nutrition Group who are planning an educational Nutrition Feeder School with specialists from UW Madison. The programs will be held next year.
- The Dairy Team is creating an enewsletter in Spanish for dairy employees.
- Part of a study on climate change and the impact it has on workers in the dairy and vegetable industries.
- Spoke on a podcast regarding the maternity area in dairy and neonatal care on a podcast which will be posted in January in Spanish.
- Developing a program on calving management and neonatal care.
- Employees were asking for insemination and reproduction trainings for next year.

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

Next Scheduled Meetings: January 13, February 10, March 10

Adjourn – Motion by Kannard, seconded by Foelker, to adjourn at 9:14am.

Minutes recorded by Katelyn Broedlow, Administrative Specialist