

## Extension Education Committee Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** January 13, 2025

**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

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

Libby Hafften, Alison Pfau and Jill Hill were present via zoom.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law:** In compliance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Herbst, seconded by Foelker, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from December 9, 2024:** Motion by Foelker, seconded by Herbst, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

**Communications:** None.

**Review of 2025 Departmental Budget:** Wen stated the budget is as approved and there is nothing to report on the budget.

### Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports:

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

- Continues to work with the City of Jefferson Rural on Extension's program – Rural Entrepreneurial Venture. There is an information session coming up this week here at the Extension Office.
- Continues to work with Sustain Jefferson to wrap up their strategic planning process.
- We as an office have been working with the County to bring back Youth Government Day.

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

- Working with Josh Kamps on the Forage Meeting which is being held in Whitewater on February 27.
- A part of the Dairy Nutrition Group who are planning an educational Nutrition Feeder School with specialists from UW Madison. The program for this area will be March 19.

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

- December was a slow month for programs.
- We had a Cookie theme bake off meeting.
- We held a beef carcass program.
- Many 4-H programs will be starting this month.
- Working on classes for Project Learning Day which is being held in February.
- Discussion was had.

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

- Program planning and preparation is happening right now.
- Working with the UW-Whitewater Continuing Education Department to offer a pruning workshop on March 1.

- Planning some programming on soil testing.
- Plans to spend some time reviewing and updating existing programs.

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

- Started the Strong Bodies series in Watertown at River Commons Apartments last week.
- Housing site in fort pitched the Strong Bodies program.
- Scheduling the series with Head Start in 10 classrooms in Jefferson county for the year.
- Discussion was had.

Josh Kamps, Regional Crops Educator, was unable to attend the meeting.

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

**Next Scheduled Meetings:** February 10, March 10, April 14

**Adjourn** – Motion by Foelker, seconded by Herbst, to adjourn at 8:55am.

*Minutes recorded by Katelyn Broedlow, Administrative Specialist*