

Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: February 10, 2025

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

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

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

Dan Herbst was present via zoom.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law: In compliance.

Approval of Agenda: No changes.

Public Comment: None.

Julie Hill joined meeting at 8:31am.

Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from January 13, 2025: Motion by Morris, seconded by Foelker, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Communications: None.

Review of 2025 Departmental Budget: Wen stated we are on pace for the year.

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. Conducted an information session last week here at the Extension Office. Approximately a dozen business owners attended. This meeting was mainly to raise awareness of the program and possibly bring people to be apart of the core team.
- Working with group in Fort Atkinson to do some community building work. An Extension Specialist will help with planning this.
- The Extension Office continues to work on the marketing plan. Julie Hill and Chmielewski are taking the lead on a needs assessment.
- Chmielewski is a certified facilitator for the Real Colors Training and is looking to offer it to school districts and other organizations.
- Youth Government Day is progressing.
- Discussion was had.

Alison Pfau joined meeting at 8:36am.

Josh Kamps joined meeting at 8:38am.

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 on forage management. Different specialists from UW Madison will be there.
- Continues working with the Dairy Nutrition Group who are planning an educational Nutrition Feeder School with specialists from UW Madison. It will be held in 5 different areas in the state.

- Presenting at the Calving Management Practice and Neonate Care in Dairy Cattle program in Fond du Lac next month.
- Planning and developing a monthly newsletter in Spanish. The first one will be sent out in March.
- Discussion was had.

Elizabeth Hafften joined meeting at 8:55am.

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

- In January, members from the Livestock Project took a trip to Denver for the high points award.
- Continues to work on winter food and livestock programming.
- Continues to work on the 4-H State Committee to audit 4-H program materials.
- The Meats Judging Contest was held on Saturday. Jefferson County did well.
- Discussion was had.

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

- Assisting Chmielewski with the needs assessment for Jefferson County Extension.
- Developed two new hands on programs.
- Gearing up for the planting season and questions are starting to come in.
- Will be reaching out to libraries and other community organizations to set up programs in the coming months.

Lisa Krolow joined meeting at 9:07am.

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

- Included in the packet is the Foodwise year-end report which highlights the programming done in Jefferson County throughout the year. The largest program offered was Head Start.
- Working with the Comprehensive Community Service Program with the Department of Health for residents who have mental health issues or substance abuse disorders to offer programming with them.
- Discussion was had.

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

- Actively working on moth trapping recruitment on placement of trap sights. These traps help educators learn about the migration of the moths into the state.
- There has been a lot of interest in the nitrogen rate trials.
- Working on small grains programming.
- Longer term efforts are being made regarding the economics of crop production. This is going to be an important issue as farmers look at their budget for the coming year.
- Continues to work on a statewide project, Crop Scouting Pilot School. This program targets incoming scouts for agronomy firms.
- Discussion was had.

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

Next Scheduled Meetings: March 10, April 14, May 12

Adjourn – Motion by Foelker, seconded by Morris, to adjourn at 9:39am.

Minutes recorded by Katelyn Broedlow, Administrative Specialist