

## **Extension Education Committee Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** July 14, 2025

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

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

Chrissy Wen, Lisa Krolow, Jerry Wilcenski, Steven Chmielewski, Julie Hill and Meghan Splinter were present in-person.

Alison Pfau, Josh Kamps and Michael Luckey were present via zoom.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** No changes.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from June 9, 2025:** Motion by Herbst, seconded by Foelker, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

**Communications:** Wen stated that the SNAP-ED funding will end on September 30.

**Review of 2025 Departmental Budget:** Wen stated everything is on target for the budget.

**Discussion regarding continuing .2FTE Horticulture Educator in 2026:** Wen stated that it is built in the budget for 2026 and was submitted to Michael Luckey.

### **Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports:**

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

- Working on a contract with Wisconsin River Rail Transit Committee which will be going out this week. The project will start this month and run through January.
- Whitewater survey drafts are ready to go out. The surveys are focused on the childcare needs of households. The studies will be going out to Rock, Walworth and Jefferson County. It is target for children 12 and under. Donation was made to the foundation to help with this project.
- Attended the Community Development Society Conference. Visited small rural communities. Learned about new ways to help small businesses.

*Josh Kamps joined the meeting via teams at 8:37am.*

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

- Created an article about stressors in calves. It can change or affect the animal in different ways. The article is in Spanish and English.
- Going to farms, having the farmers do surveys.
- Will be having webinars in September and October. Presenters are ready. Putting together the registration. Will start promoting the webinars by the end of this month.
- Will be having a program on August 28 and 29 about calving management and unit care at the Jefferson County Extension Office. One day will be English and other day will be Spanish.

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

- Worked at the Jefferson County Fair.
- Got really good feedback and was a good promotional turnout.
- Kids did good on their projects and had good behavior.
- Super successful week
- Extension office ran the Farmers Olympics at the Fair.

Julie Hill, Horticulture Educator, was unable to attend the meeting.

- Will be doing in-person programming at the Milton Public Library and at the Jefferson County Library.
- A lot of questions coming in about problems with plants due to the weather.
- Will be setting up a booth at the Hedberg Public Library in Janesville for people to come ask questions directly.
- Has been working on a needs assessment with Steve.
- Starting to get things on the calendar for next year.

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

- Reconciliation Bill passed which eliminates all funding.
- September 30 funding will end.
- Thursday will start doing a cooking program. 8 participants will be participating.
- 232 pounds of fresh produce has been donated for the Gleaning Program. Broke 100 pounds in just one day.
- Displaying flyers at vendors tables that participated.

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

- Been quiet with issues in the fields.
- A disease pathologist has moved work to Wisconet. Wisconet is a disease modeling tool for corn and soybeans.
- Forage field day is tomorrow in Arlington. Talking about forage management and cover crops.
- Continuing to work with nitrogen to better understand the nitrogen rates.
- Field day is August 7 in Brooklyn at O'Brien Farm.
- Badger Crop programming runs from summer into the fall.
- Lots of Ribwort Plantain. Coming up with management strategies.

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

**Next Scheduled Meetings:** August 11, September 8, October 13

**Adjourn** – Motion by Foelker, seconded by Morris, to adjourn at 9:11am.

*Minutes recorded by Meghan Splinter, Administrative Assistant*