

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Extension Education Committee Agenda Videoconference (See link at bottom of agenda) OR

Jefferson County Extension Office 864 Collins Road, Jefferson, WI 53549

DATE:

Monday, November 13, 2023

TIME:

8:30 a.m.

Committee Members:

Matt Foelker, Dan Herbst, John Kannard, Dwayne Morris, Mary Roberts

- Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call (to establish a quorum)
- 3. Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law
- 4. Public Comment (Members of the Public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time.)
- 5. Approval of Agenda (for possible rearrangement)
- 6. Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from October 9, 2023
- 7. Communications
- 8. Review of 2023 Departmental Budget
- 9. Review of 2024 Departmental Budget
- Discussion and Possible Approval of 2024 Educator Contract and consideration of multi-year contract option
- 11. Discussion on Committee meeting time and date (per email received)
- 12. Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports Steve Chmielewski (Community Educator), Alison Pfau (Regional Dairy Educator), Jerry Wilcenski (4-H), Julie Hill (Horticulture Educator), Lisa Krolow (FoodWlse), Josh Kamps (Regional Crop Educator)
- 13. Possible Items of Discussion/Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings
- 14. Discussion and Possible Decision on Dates/Times of Extension Education Committee meetings: November 13, December 11
- 15. Adjourn

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A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting. Individuals requiring special accommodation for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at 920-674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made. "Enriching people with knowledge, perspective, skills, and aspirations. "University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture & Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX & ADA.

Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: October 9, 2023

Call to Order: Chair Kannard called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

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

Christine Wen (Area Director), Alison Pfau, Jerry Wilcenski, Josh Kamps and Kim Buchholz were present inperson. Steve Chmielewski was present via Zoom.

Lisa Krolow and Julie Hill were absent.

Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law: In compliance.

Public Comment: None

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

Approval of University Extension Education Committee Minutes from September 11, 2023: Motion by Foelker, seconded by Morris, to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Communications: Wen highlighted for the committee the Local Government Leadership Academy news release that was included in the meeting packet.

Review of 2023 Departmental Budget: Committee members received a printout of the current budget. Wen stated that the budget is on target.

Review of the 2024 Departmental Budget: Committee members received a printout of the 2024 departmental budget for their review. Wen stated that the budget is very similar to 2023. She noted that mileage was decreased because now the agricultural educator mileage is being covered through the Ag Institute. A 3% increase in personnel costs. The budget was approved by the Finance Committee.

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports:

Committee members received the Extension September 2023 written report in their agenda packets.

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

- The Fort Atkinson Local Government Academy has wrapped up. On September 22 and 28 there were testimonials published in Fort online as well as the Daily Union. Survey shows an increase in participation.
- City of Jefferson Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors strategic planning process session 3 is being held tomorrow. The survey they distributed received 74 out of 192 responses. A response rate of 38% which is pretty good. The findings of the survey will be presented on October 24.
- Discussions are continuing with the Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce with their strategic plan.

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

- The last session of her webinar series will be held this week. She has had about 300 registrants with 40-50 attending the webinar. A recording of the webinars will also be posted and communicated to registrants.
- She is working collaboratively with Josh Kamps and William Hoffman to conduct a Beef Workshop for the region in November. Will be held in Whitewater.
- She is continuing to develop a workshop on the proper administration of vaccines and medications. It
 would be available in English and Spanish.
- She attended World Dairy Expo last week and was able to meet some producers and make contacts.

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

- The 4-H Awards Banquet was held last night with about 200 people attending.
- Meat Judging Team is headed to the National Competition in Kansas this next week.
- Six Livestock Youth Award Winners are attending the National American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY in November. The lowest point winner had 150 hours of educational activities and the highest was 215 hours.
- Within his plan of work, Jerry has developed a Food Forward program where he will be using regional
 agriculture educator expertise and other educational resources for session of meat, dairy, crops &
 grains and fruits and vegetables. Focus is on the whole food industry; raising animals and crops to
 butchering to plate.

Lisa Krolow, FoodWlse Coordinator, was unable to attend the meeting. Her written report is provided.

Julie Hill, Horticulture Educator, was unable to attend the meeting. Her written report is provided.

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

- The Badger Crop Connect is held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. This is for all things seasonal with crop production. This Wednesday is the next one where an entomologist will be speaking on how we can better forecast insect damage so tat we are using pesticides, etc. when needed.
- Field Day is scheduled in Rock County.
- Manure Composting Field Day was held.
- Kamps is focused on building relationships within the counties at this point.
- Discussed with Patricia Cicero possible options of using the County Farm for demonstrations.
- Jefferson County will host two Pesticide Applicator Trainings this year.
- He is fielding ag questions, specifically land rent questions. He appreciates the opportunity during these
 discussions to be able to talk through all variables to consider. Many of the land owners are either
 absentee or non-operator land owners so assisting with education is valuable.
- The committee asked a few questions regarding usage of drones.

Next Scheduled Meetings: November 13 and December 11, 2023

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

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist



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Whereas, the County is a critical partner in developing and implementing key educational priorities for county residents. In collaboration with Extension leadership, counties will identify local services of priority to their communities. County will agree to co-fund Extension faculty and staff based upon annually established flat fees for positions as defined below; and

Whereas, the parties need to define their respective rights and responsibilities:

Now therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. Term, Amendment & Termination.

- a. The term of this contract is one (1) year. The term shall run from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, unless amended or terminated as set forth below.
- b. Any additions, changes, modifications or renewals of this contract are subject to the mutual agreement and written consent of authorized representatives of both parties.
- c. Either the County or Extension may cancel this entire Agreement with or without cause upon sixty (60) days' written notice delivered by mail or in person; provided, however, the County shall be responsible for paying a prorated amount of fees under Section 3.1.a. through the notice period. In addition, if the contract is canceled before the end of the term, the discount identified in Section 3.1.a. shall be prorated (i.e. the discount amounts to roughly \$834 per month).

2. Extension Responsibilities. Extension agrees to:

- a. Hire local Extension staff who will deliver educational services aligned to County priorities. As vacancies occur, and if the County and Extension agree to continue to support the desired program and position, Extension will seek County input when filling vacant positions.
- b. Invoice the County semi-annually, in May and November for amounts due under this agreement.

3. County Responsibilities

- 3.1 In consideration of the programs that Extension provides to County under this contract, the County agrees to:
 - a. Pay to Extension the County share of up to \$94,470 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 as allocated below.

Co-Funded Positions	Fee	FTE	Total
4-H Program Educator	\$46,247	1.0	\$46,247
Regional Dairy Educator	\$46,247	.2	\$9,249
Regional Crop Educator	\$46,247	.33	\$15,261
Communities Extension Educator	\$46,247	.5	\$23,123
First Educator Discount	(\$10,000)		
Subtotal	\$83,880		
Proposed or fully-county funded positions and other county contributions	Fee	FTE	Total
Horticulture Outreach Specialist		.1	\$10,590
Final Total			\$94,470

- b. Provide travel and appropriate job expenses to the staff, office facilities and equipment, office supplies and demonstration materials, salary and fringe benefits for the clerical support staff, and other supporting budgetary items through regular County budgetary procedures in which funds are appropriated for such purposes under applicable Wisconsin law.
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- 4. Delegation of Financial Budget Authority. The parties hereby acknowledge that Extension will employ an Area Extension Director (AED), whose responsibilities may include certain budget-related functions as set forth in the Delegation of Financial Budget Authority Form (DFBA Form) attached hereto as Exhibit A. County may authorize the AED to carry out such functions on its behalf, but only to the extent specified in in the DFBA Form, which must be signed by an authorized representative of County in order to be effective. The County may rescind such authorization at any time by providing written notice to Extension.
- 5. **General Conditions** This contract is established under the following conditions:
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By:_		Date:	By:	Date:
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Exhibit A

Delegation of Financial Budget Authority Form

Area Extension Directors play an important part in county Extension offices as they manage the faculty and staff within that county, and many times, that includes the county support staff. Area Directors also work with county partners to develop a departmental budget and provide oversight to that budget on an annual basis in cooperation with corresponding county financial departments and county board committees. The Delegation of Financial Budget Authority allows Area Directors, hired, and managed by Extension as state employees, to manage county fiscal resources in service to the people of those counties.

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Exhibit A

Delegation of Financial Budget Authority Form

Area Extension Directors play an important part in county Extension offices as they manage the faculty and staff within that county, and many times, that includes the county support staff. Area Directors also work with county partners to develop a departmental budget and provide oversight to that budget on an annual basis in cooperation with corresponding county financial departments and county board committees. The Delegation of Financial Budget Authority allows Area Directors, hired, and managed by Extension as state employees, to manage county fiscal resources in service to the people of those counties.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



The Community Economic Development program promotes local economic well-being and quality of life in Wisconsin communities. We work with and support community economic development practitioners and organizations, tribal and governmental entities, and business and nonprofit organizations and help gain access to the information, research, education, and technical assistance necessary to make informed decisions.

- Pre-planning with Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce leadership team to prepare for strategic planning process to provide direction and updated goals and implementation plan for the organization. (Location type: Geography Served) (Steve Chmielewski)
- Pre-planning with Jefferson Chamber of Commerce leadership team to prepare for strategic planning process to provide direction and updated goals for the organization. (Location type: Both) (Steve Chmielewski)

CROPS & SOILS



If it happens on a farm or in a field, the Extension Institute of Agriculture works with you to achieve better results. Our innovative dairy management programs range from genetics to farm and business management. Extension researchers work hand-in-hand with row crop, forage and fresh produce growers to provide best practices for every aspect of the growing phase. We also advise communities on using sustainable practices to create inviting spaces free from invasive species. Our work supports people, communities and businesses.

- A collaborative project with a municipal district in south central WI to project the impact of including dairy manure in rotation with sludge application as the primary nutrient source for continuous corn production. (Josh Kamps)
- A nutrient management education program to increase the understanding of soil fertility planning strategies to increase farm profitability while promoting environmental stewardship on farms in south central WI. (Josh Kamps)
- A pest management presentation for growers, crop consultants, and agronomy sales staff during the October
 11, 2023 Badger Crop Connect to discuss seed selection strategies to reduce the development of pest resistance
 and increase the level of pest control in grain crop production in Wisconsin. (Josh Kamps)
- A planning session to discuss a new text alert system to enhance pest survey reporting during the 2024 season
 to improve the efficiency of crop scouting and increase IPM across acres in WI supporting decision making of
 growers, crop consultants, and agronomy sales staff. (Josh Kamps)
- A series of discussions with multiple producer-led watershed groups, county land conservation departments, and regional NGO's to plan an educational soil health workshop to increase understanding for the practical implementation of soil health practices within ag production systems for growers, crop consultants, agronomy sales staff, and conservation professionals. (Josh Kamps)
- A series of planning sessions to determine field research needs of growers, crop consultants, agronomy sales staff, and conservation professionals while learning about the accessibility of county owned farmland for educational research plot development. (Josh Kamps)
- A series of program needs assessment conversations with farmers, county land conservation departments, agronomy service providers, crop consultants, producer-led organizations, ag lending institutions, USDA service



providers, and elected officials to determine the topic areas to include within an annual Extension plan of work.

(Josh Kamps)



Soil Aggregate Stability



Moth Trap



Earthworm Activity on Soil Surface



Cover Crop Lot

DAIRY



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- An on-farm consultation in Jefferson county where Extension colleagues and the dairy producer worked together to identify production challenges and develop standard operating procedures to improve calf care. (Alison Pfau)
- Developing and planning a four-part Spanish dairy webinar series for Spanish-speaking dairy managers, herd
 managers, herds persons, and employees. The goal of this effort is to teach unbiased, university-based research
 in the areas of reproduction, nutrition, dairy management, and milk quality so they can improve farm viability
 and food safety, while maintaining animal wellbeing and welfare. (Alison Pfau)
- Planning and development of a carbon conference for dairy owners and managers, consultants, engineers, and
 agribusiness professionals in collaboration with lowa State University Extension, University of Minnesota
 Extension, and University of Illinois Extension. The goal of this effort is to teach individuals best management
 practices to reduce or mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and how to enter, navigate, and discuss carbon
 markets to address dairy production management, thus improving farm business management viability and
 environmental sustainability. (Alison Pfau)
- The University of Wisconsin Madison Division of Extension is developing a research project involving alternative forages. The goal of this research is to answer the farmer questions about the use and feeding guidelines, and also get a better understand the economic implications of planting and harvesting these alternatives forages. (Alison Pfau)
- Planning and developing short educational videos in Spanish and English, emphasizing different dairy farming practices and topics such as calf care, nutrition, dairy production, reproduction, health, farm worker/farm manager relationship and animal welfare. Also, in partnership with the regional crops educator, will planning videos about soil health, weed and pest management and diversified cropping systems. (Alison Pfau)
- Join UW-Madison Division of Extension Educators for an educational workshop on Beefing Up- Forage
 Management on Friday November 17, from 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The workshop will be held at the Whitewater
 University Innovation Center at 1221 Innovation Drive, Whitewater, WI 53190. This beef production workshop



will highlight forage management practices to improve haying and grazing potential. Proper administration of antibiotics, vaccinations, and other animal health products will also be discussed along with a cattle market outlook and livestock risk protection options. One CEU towards Beef Quality Assurance is available by attending this workshop.

HEALTH & WELL-BEING



The Extension Institute of Health & Well-Being works to catalyze positive change in Wisconsin families through evidence-based programs focused on nutrition, food security and safety, chronic disease prevention, mental health promotion, and prevention of substance abuse. Rooted in both urban and rural communities, we're working together to help solve the state's most pressing well-being needs and to ensure that all Wisconsinites live stronger, healthier lives.

- Lisa met with the ADRC Nutrition Manager to explore ways that FoodWIse can partner with the ADRC and help fill nutrition education gaps. FoodWIse will start visiting three senior meal sites in Jefferson, Fort Atkinson and Lake Mills beginning in January. We will have 2 five-week series at each site per year and visit each site monthly in between the series. (Lisa Krolow)
- Lisa attended 4 vaccine flu vaccine clinics with the Public Health team. These clinics were held in 4 different school districts including Fort Atkinson, Waterloo, Johnson Creek and Lake Mills. The clinics provided flu shots for school-aged children between the ages of 3 and 18 years. We engaged the children with a nutrition activity while parents completed paperwork and the families waited for their turn. We also distributed information to families about healthy snacks. We interacted with an average of 30 families per clinic. (Lisa Krolow)
- We had an event with Watertown Family Connections on Saturday, November 11 at the public library. Nine
 families participated in the event, we presented information for families with small children and made a healthy,
 fall snack including multiple food groups. (Lisa Krolow)
- We are exploring new partnerships in Whitewater and hoping to expand our service with the Lantinx community. We have an event scheduled with English language learners on the night of November 15th and expect about 50 new participants. We have received the latest eligibility data from the school district and are determining which schools are eligible for FoodWISe services and how the FoodWISe program can fit into their curriculum. We are also looking at the possibility of serving the community at the Community Space. (Lisa Krolow)

HORTICULTURE



The UW-Madison's Extension Horticulture Program provide research-based horticulture information to Wisconsinites so they can make gardening decisions that keep their plants healthy while protecting the environment. We provide research-and evidence-based horticulture management education, resources and decision-making tools to home gardeners and commercial horticulture practitioners.

• A yearlong activity/service for residents of Jefferson County to provide research based reliable information to their horticulture questions. The goal of this effort is to educate individuals of Jefferson County so they can



implement best practices in their landscapes that will positively affect the environment and their communities. (Julie Hill)

- A community of practice for horticulture educators where we explore strategies and resources to expand
 horticulture education and outreach to underrepresented audiences. The goal of participating in this group is to
 dig into ways we can locally continue to grow and enhance our horticulture programs to reach more diverse
 audiences. (Julie Hill)
- Planning for the creation of a repository of existing horticultural resources in multiple languages for
 home/community gardeners of all abilities. The goal of this effort is to make this repository accessible on the
 Horticulture Topic Hub. (Julie Hill)
- Planning statewide and local activities for consumer audiences (home gardeners) for National Pollinator Week in collaboration with local, regional and state partners. This effort is designed to increase knowledge and awareness of pollinators, pollinator habitat, and adopt practices that increase habitat and mitigate pollinator decline. (Julie Hill)
- Developing informal learning communities utilizing the Horticulture Program's social media for all Wisconsin gardeners, including underserved populations. The goal of this effort is to provide accurate, practical and up-todate information to the public primarily through the topic hub in order to bolster educational outreach efforts in support of addressing the Horticulture Program objectives. (Julie Hill)
- Planning for a statewide webinar series for consumer horticulture audiences where participants learn best
 horticultural practices to mitigate pollinator decline and climate change, decrease environmental contamination
 and pollution, and grow healthy plants for sustainable gardens and communities. The goal of this effort is to
 increase adoption of best horticultural practices addressing environmental issues in Wisconsin. (Julie Hill)

Positive Youth Development



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- A Food science, agronomy and agriculture educational county wide programming focused on youth Spark and
 expanding understanding of the whole crop industry in Jefferson County. The goal of this effort is to learn about
 food systems, food science, agricultural innovation, food artistry, and industry career paths. (Jerry Wilcenski)
- A Food science, meat science and agriculture educational county wide programming focused on youth Spark and expanding understanding of the whole livestock industry in Jefferson County. The goal of this effort is to learn about food systems, food science, agricultural innovation, food artistry, and industry career paths. (Jerry Wilcenski)
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 expanding understanding of the whole dairy industry in Jefferson County. The goal of this effort is to learn about
 food systems, food science, agricultural innovation, food artistry, and industry career paths. (Jerry Wilcenski)
- A county wide project learning course for 4-H livestock project members, where youth can build on livestock feeding and care skills. This effort is designed to assist all youth trouble shoot livestock care problems, develop a plan of work for their projects, and learn about food safety and quality. (Jerry Wilcenski)



- A five-month program for grades 5k-2nd, where Cloverbuds complete hands on projects. This effort is designed to introduce Cloverbuds to the variety of projects they can participate in when they become regular 4-H members. (Jerry Wilcenski)
- Dairy science educational county wide programming focused on youth Spark and expanding understanding of the whole dairy industry in Jefferson County. The goal of this effort is to provide opportunities for youth who do not live on farms to learn about and work hands-on at dairy farms as well as learn about industry career paths. (Jerry Wilcenski)





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