

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
AGRICULTURAL & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Monday, April 9, 2018

Supervisor Stillman called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

1. The meeting was properly announced.
2. Members present: Duaine Stillman, Mike Hofberger, Merlin Gentz, and Patrick Laughrin.
Also present: Tami Gasch; Catherine Neiswender, UW-Extension Area 10 Director
Excused: Joe Mueller
3. Supervisor Stillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Moved by Supervisor Laughrin and seconded by Supervisor Hofberger to approve the agenda for the April 9, 2018, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Moved by Supervisor Gentz and seconded by Supervisor Laughrin to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried 4-0.
6. Public Participation - none
7. Report of Committee Members
 - a. Reports of official meetings held since the last Agriculture & Extension Education Committee meeting
 - Laughrin mentioned the resignation of Jim VandenBrook of the State Land and Water Association and his email commenting on how the state is moving backwards on land and water conservation efforts. Gentz attended the state Land and Water Conference in Lake Geneva recently. Comments from Gentz about how this is an important issue in Calumet County, and perhaps there should be an advisory committee set up to guide local efforts. Gentz mentioned the need for the committee to step up and support the UWEX office/team as the ag position is filled.
 - Laughrin reported on Congressman Mike Gallagher's meeting in Appleton on Friday.
 - Hofberger mentioned the Farmland Preservation Survey that recently went out from the County Planning and Land Conservation Departments.
 - b. Upcoming Events
 - 4-H demonstration contest is coming up at end of April. Annual 4-H Leaders Board meeting is scheduled for next week.
8. Communications - none
9. Items for Action or Discussion
 - a. Tami Gasch, Interim 4-H Youth Development Educator
 - 4-H enrollments: Compared to last year, youth enrollment is up by 17 youth (347) and adult enrollment (142) has remained level. Middle school grade level (Grades 6-8) has the highest percentage of membership at 30 percent. Discussion also centered on how access to programs are being expanded, so membership moves to reflect the county's population. Gentz asked whether the program connects with the DHHS Department and the families they serve.
10. Report of Department
 - a. Catherine Neiswender, UW-Extension Area 10 Director
 - Update on Agriculture Educator position posting: The position closed on April 3, and initial screening will be held on Tuesday, April 10. Preliminary interviews are scheduled for Wednesday April 18, with final interviews currently planned for May 4 in Chilton.
 - State update: A link was emailed to all Extension committee members to sign up for the external Cooperative Extension e-newsletter if desired. The office will keep track of Family Living related calls. Neiswender reminded the committee that Calumet is still receiving FoodWise nutrition

programming in Appleton and Chilton. Per request from Supervisor Gentz, Neiswender learned that the last state WACEC meeting was held in February, and she provided a recap of the meeting.

11. Set next meeting date: The next meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee will be held on May 14, 2018, at 10:30 am.
12. Adjourn
Supervisor Laughrin moved to adjourn and Supervisor Hofberger seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Neiswender
UW-Extension Area 10 Director