

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

Monday, June 18, 2018

Chairman Gentz called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

1. The meeting was properly announced.
2. Members present: Duaine Stillman, Merlin Gentz, Mike Hofberger, Joe Mueller, and Pat Laughrin. Also present: Tami Gasch, Interim 4-H Youth Development Educator; Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Extension Educator; Catherine Neiswender, UW-Extension Area 10 Director; and Christi Gabrielska, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Moved by Supervisor Stillman and seconded by Supervisor Mueller to approve the amended agenda for the June 18, 2018, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Moved by Supervisor Laughrin to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2018, Ag & Extension Education Committee Meeting with the correction to #4. The nomination for Merlin Gentz as Chairman should read "Merlin Gentz was nominated by Supervisor Stillman; Merlin accepted." Seconded by Supervisor Hofberger. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Public Participation – None
7. Report of Committee Members
 - a. Reports of official meetings held since the last Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
 - Supervisor Gentz mentioned that the Governor appointed a statewide task force to look at agriculture and dairy (Task Force 2.0). He is hoping for some representation from the area on the task force.
 - Supervisor Stillman mentioned the tariffs that were being placed on Wisconsin dairy products.
 - b. Upcoming Events – None
8. Communications – None
9. Items for Action or Discussion
 - a. Tami Gasch, Interim 4-H Youth Development Educator – Summer Camp
Summer Camp is coming up in July. This is a joint camp with Outagamie County 4-H, at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center or Mirror Lake State Park depending on the age of the youth. Tami mentioned the numbers of youth who will be attending camp as well as youth who will be youth leaders at the camp and the training that she provided to them. She discussed how she approached adult leader recruitment, including finding nursing students who needed some experience for their training. Tami also provided an overview of the Leaders Council and Board of Directors and their role with the 4-H program.
 - b. Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Extension Educator – Introduction
Amber shared a little bit about her background and how she has been spending her first couple of weeks. She has been out to meet other ag educators and county partners. They have been inviting her to programs, giving her guidance and who else to contact. She has attended area meetings to make connections, including Sundae on the Farm, Farm Bureau, Dairy Promotion Committee, and the Forage Council. She is also starting to work with Land and Water Conservation on nutrient and manure management education, and TMDL program in the county. She mentioned that she is investigating new programming on Farm Succession/Transition planning. The committee is interested in a short update on ag in Calumet County on a regular basis, and is interested in seeing impacts of shared programming around issues like nitrates.

- c. Christi Gabriliska, Nutrition Coordinator – Calumet FoodWise County Agreement Letter
Christi provided an overview of the FoodWise program in Calumet County. She provided a copy of the FoodWise report and 2017 snapshot, and an overview of their funding source and the type of work they can do with this funding. In Calumet they work with WIC, Salvation Army, and Horizon Elementary school second and fifth grades because they now qualify for their services (50% of students receive free or reduced lunch). Evan Groth provides the education to this school. Kris Soper conducts grocery store tours in the county for providing more in-depth education for audiences. Christi reviewed the “Cooking Matters in the Store” program that is conducted in the grocery stores. Supervisor Gentz mentioned the Calumet County Activity and Nutrition Coalition (UCAN). Christi said there will be a UWEX position soon that will be able to participate on this and similar coalitions. Supervisor Gentz asked if FoodWise is also connected with the HHS/ADRC staff, and Christi was encouraged to work with these and other departments/people to leverage their impact. Supervisor Laughrin asked questions about the populations that are reached by this program. Supervisor Hofberger requested that the committee receive the information ahead of time.

Christi passed around a copy of the Calumet Agreement Letter for approval and signature by the Extension Committee. Supervisor Hofberger moved to sign the support letter for the 2019 FoodWise program. Supervisor Stillman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Report of Department

a. Catherine Neiswender, UW-Extension Area 10 Director

- Administrative Updates
 - Our office will be closed on June 22 for an Area-wide staff meeting.
 - Tami’s position has been extended through the end of December, 2018.
 - Cathy Sandeen has accepted a new position with University of Alaska.
 - Neiswender provided an update on the situational analysis and how the counties will be engaged. Neiswender is also attending the County Board strategic planning session next week. Supervisor Gentz suggested checking data that is housed at East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Committee and the Technical College system (Chris Matheny).
- Agriculture Extension Educator onboarding process – Neiswender described the process that is used for onboarding new colleagues. In addition to the meet and greet on Amber’s first day, she has met with Neiswender, several Ag colleagues, and UWEX leadership. She has also met with county departments and county partners. Amber will also be introduced at the County Board meeting on Tuesday, June 19.

11. Set Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee will be held on Friday, July 13, at 2:00 pm.

12. Adjourn

Supervisor Stillman moved to adjourn and Supervisor Mueller seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Neiswender
UW-Extension Area 10 Director