

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE CALUMET COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Monday, June 14, 2021

Chairman Gentz called the meeting to order at 10:30 am in Room #015 of the Calumet County Courthouse.

1. The meeting was properly announced.
2. Members present: Merlin Gentz, Joe Mueller, Duaine Stillman, and Marilyn Schuh.
Also present: Carlea Liermann, 4-H Program Educator; Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Educator; Christi Gabriliska, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator; Chris Viau, Extension Area 10 Director; Todd Romenesko, County Administrator; and Connie Leonhard, Program Assistant.
Excused: Mike Hofberger.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Moved by Supervisor Stillman and seconded by Supervisor Mueller to approve the agenda for the June 14, 2021, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried.
5. Moved by Supervisor Schuh and seconded by Supervisor Mueller to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021, Agriculture & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried.
6. Public Participation - none
7. Report of Committee Members
 - a. Reports of official meetings held since the last Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
 - none
 - b. Upcoming Events
 - none
8. Communications
 - Chairman Gentz commented on a letter he received from Chelsea Filbert regarding WEXA.
9. Items for Action or Discussion
 - a. Christi Gabriliska, Foodwise Nutrition Coordinator
 - FoodWise Annual Agreement - Supervisor Stillman made a motion to recommend that the agreement letter be forwarded to the County Administrator for approval and signatures. Supervisor Schuh seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
 - FoodWise Program Updates - Programming went virtual during the pandemic. Cooking programs were held with WIC and Head Start. Families joined via zoom. The BitMojii classroom program was used with the schools. Collaboration with Ledgeview Nature Center on building and planting raised gardens; educational programs are presented by FoodWise educators. Food harvested from the gardens will be donated to area food pantries.
 - b. Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Extension Educator
 - Upcoming Summer Field Days -
 - A manure application pop-up field day will be held in the next couple of weeks
 - Soybean research plots
 - Forage Council Field Day, July 22 tentative date (rainfall simulator) in conjunction with NRCS
 - Ag Stewardship Alliance plots and cover crops
 - Small Grains Twilight Meeting at Kolbe Seed Farms
 - Sundae on the Farm, June 27, Woldt Farm

- c. Carlea Liermann, 4-H Program Educator
 - Summer Programming
 - Summer Day Camping Program held in conjunction with Outagamie County will be at Camp Forest in Forest Junction for youth in Grades K5 through Grade 8. Additional Day Camps will be held at Farm Discovery Center in Manitowoc, Brillion Nature Center; and GearBox Labs will have a camp in coding and programming that will be held at the Courthouse.
 - A 4-H marketing table will be at Sundae on the Farm with clubs doing face painting.
 - The 4-H archery program started last week. A \$5,000 GFL grant was awarded to support our archery program.
 - Providing a workshop session for Ascension's Ag Safety Day.
 - d. Division of Extension - Ag Institute Statewide Ag Staffing Plan
 - Chris Viau presented a PowerPoint created by Heidi Johnson, UW-Madison Ag Institute, on the Statewide Ag Staffing Plan.
 - Chairman Gentz commented that he would like Extension to work more closely with Land and Water Conservation and the Technical Colleges.
10. Report of Department
 - a. Chris Viau, Area 10 Extension Director
 - Department Report - The county Extension budget is in good shape with expenses in line with where they should be at this time of year.
 - Area/State Updates - State proposed budget includes \$1M for Extension specialist positions.
 - By July 6, Extension employees will have transitioned to working from the office.
 11. Set next meeting date: The next meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee will be held on July 12 and/or August 9 at 10:30 am.
 12. Adjourn

Chairman Gentz declared the meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.