

## MINUTES (Draft)

**GOVERNMENTAL BODY:** WAUPACA COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND  
EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**DATE AND TIME:** Monday, May 18, 2015 – 8:30am

**PLACE:** Room 1037, Waupaca County Courthouse  
811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI

**OPEN SESSION:** This meeting and all other meetings are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the press, in accordance with Wisconsin statutes so that the citizens may be aware of the time, place, and agenda of this meeting.

1. Meeting was called to order and open meeting statement was read by Supervisor Kietzmann at 8:32 am on May 18, 2015.

2. Roll call

Present were Supervisors: Kietzmann, Handrich, Peterson, Neumann and Ellis.

Also present were UW-Extension Educators: Penny Tank, Christi Beilfuss, Jessica Beckendorf, Connie Abert and Greg Blonde. Absent: Sandy Liang (excused)

3. Review and Accept Agenda

Motion was made by Darrell Handrich to accept the May 18<sup>th</sup> agenda; second was made by Don Peterson. The agenda was approved unanimously by committee members.

4. Review previous meeting minutes

Motion was made by Don Peterson to accept the minutes from the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting; second was made by Dave Neumann. The April minutes were approved unanimously by committee members.

5. Public Input

There were no public members in attendance for input.

6. Educator Reports

- Current Program and Outcomes  
Written reports were handed out by all Educators.
- Recognition for Greg Blonde  
Greg Blonde, Agriculture Agent received the Distinguished Service Award for WI County Agents at their recent annual conference. This award is presented to County Agents who have been with the Cooperative Extension at least 10 years, who have conducted outstanding programs, are held in high esteem by their fellow workers and state program leaders.
- Educator Reports  
CNRED Educator Jessica Beckendorf led a discussion on Waupaca County demographics and upcoming trends. Committee members discussed migration and natural increase, age, poverty, and natural resource protection. Other topics discussed included educational attainment, wages, industry makeup, race/ethnicity, and population growth.

7. Old Business
  - Capitol Connections – a group of 11 people from Waupaca County attended Capitol Connections on April 30<sup>th</sup> to meet with senators and representatives about the impacts of UW-Extension programming.
  - County Board Tour – plans are being confirmed for the Manawa area. A detailed schedule and registration will be handed out at the County Board meeting.
  
8. New Business
  - Preceptorship with UWGB and WNEP  
Motion was made by Don Peterson to approve the opportunity for a UWGB student to shadow the WNEP Coordinator; second was made by Dave Neumann. The motion was approved unanimously by committee members.
  - Farm to School  
Motion was made by Dave Neumann to approve the continuation of the Americorps Farm to School Program with DATCP for the next school year if approved by DATCP ; second was made by Darrell Handrich. The motion was approved unanimously by committee members.
  - Expanding Access Grant  
Liang applied for a grant through the UWEX North Central Region Innovative Grant and was approved for \$5000.00. As a part of the UWEX office expanding access efforts, Liang, along with others in the office, and an outreach specialist from the Childcare Resource and Referral Agency, will focus efforts over the next two years on expanding access to audiences that may not typically utilize Extension resources.
  
9. Correspondence  
There was no correspondence to report.
  
10. Next meeting
  - Monthly Meeting . . . . Monday, June 29, 2015 – 8:30am
  
11. Adjourn  
Motion to adjourn was made by Don Peterson; second was made by Darrell Handrich. The committee approved unanimously to adjourn.

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