

GOVERNMENTAL BODY: WAUPACA COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND
EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE AND TIME: Monday, January 29, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.

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 8:33 a.m.
2. Roll call

Present were: Supervisors: Darrell Handrich, Carl Kietzmann, Dave Neumann and Jim Nygaard.

Absent: Bob Ellis (excused)

Also present were UW-Educators: Greg Blonde, Penny Tank (arrived late) and Kelly Hammond (arrived late) and UW-Extension AED, Catherine Neiswender

Absent: Christi Gabriliska and Sandy Liang (both FMLA), Jessica Beckendorf (excused).

3. Review and accept Agenda
Motion was made by Supervisor Neumann to accept the January 29, 2018 agenda; second was made by Supervisor Nygaard. The agenda was approved unanimously by committee members.
4. Review previous meeting minutes
Motion was made by Supervisor Handrich to accept the minutes from the November 27, 2017 meeting; second was made by Supervisor Neumann. The minutes were approved unanimously by the committee.
5. Public Input
There was no public present for input.
6. Educator Reports
 - Current programs and outcomes
Written reports from Kelly Hammond, Greg Blonde and Penny Tank were emailed to those supervisors requesting them as well as distributed to those preferring to receive them at the meeting. Jessica Beckendorf will submit her report to the committee. Hammond and Tank highlighted the following from the provided reports:
 - Kelly is staying busy with FMLAs coming and going! They will only miss 12 out of hundreds of teaching lessons.
 - Penny mentioned Super Saturday and invited committee to participate and visit. Penny also mentioned youth Colors training partnership with Jessica for “SPARKS” with DHHS.

- Educator Presentation – Greg Blonde highlighted:
 - Greg reviewed his monthly report and post-tenure review document.
 - Greg just finished Cow College. Greg had 5 UW-Specialists attend to teach on a variety of relevant topics.
 - Greg has been doing some farm calls. Most calls are about financial challenges. Greg showed a slide of a graph of net farm income and changes over time. He showed the cycle, but also the significant lows we are currently in now, that are likely to be prolonged more than normal. 2018 outlook is also not promising. Greg then shared “survival strategies” that he teaches when he works with producers on financial issues.
 - Greg mentioned the AEA (Ag Enterprises Area) in Waupaca-Outagamie counties. His role is to assist planning department with outreach.
 - Greg encouraged committee to read his Faculty review documents. He thanked the committee for their support of his work.
 - Administrative and Department Report – update on work of the Area Extension Director, and Department, Area and State updates for previous month
Catherine Neiswender provided a report of her monthly work as Department Lead and AED. Catherine sought committee feedback on the annual performance review process with the staff and committee. This will occur during the February meeting. Reports will be short, with an opportunity for the committee to confidentially provide feedback to Catherine during a closed session at the end of the meeting. Catherine also mentioned PILD application process opportunity.
7. Confirm 2018 Extension Committee meeting dates for February and March
Next meetings will be February 26, March 26, April 23 and May 21.
 8. Correspondence
There was no correspondence.
 9. Next meeting
 - Monthly Meeting Monday, February 26, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
 10. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Handrich; second by Supervisor Neumann. The committee unanimously approved to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

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