

Agriculture & Extension Committee Meeting
December 3, 2013
Kewaunee County Administration Committee Room

Minutes

Call to Order:

Chairman David Mayer called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Members included: Dave Mayer, Don Delebrea, Ron Paider, and Bob Garfinkel. Aerica Bjurstrom, Agriculture Agent, Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator, Ed Dorner and Assistant District Attorney Jeffery Wisnicky were also present.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion made by Ron and seconded by Don to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

A motion made by Don and seconded by Ron to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Input:

None

Educators' Reports: Complete Written Reports are attached.

Claire asked the committee if they had any questions about any of the Educators' reports. Hearing no questions, Aerica told about the artificial insemination course she helped develop along with outreach specialists Connie Cordoba and Sauk County Ag Agent Katie Pfeiffer. The course was offered in English and Spanish and provided students with a half day of classroom work followed with a day and a half of hands on work with artificial insemination equipment. Ten people attended the class, which was a perfect size so each participant had enough learning time with the instructors.

Overtime:

None

Other Business as Allowed by Law:

None

Approval – Travel:

None

Approval of Bills:

Don moved to approve all bills presented and Ron seconded. Motion passed.

Set Next Meeting Date:

Ron moved and Don seconded to set the next meeting date for January 7, 2014 at 4:00 pm. The vote was a unanimous yes.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Don and seconded by Ron. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Garfinkel
Secretary

Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for December 3, 2013

Reproduction Meeting: Held the second of two regional Reproducing Profitability meetings this year. The fall meeting focused on new technologies used by dairy producers to improve herd reproduction. The meeting featured speakers from UW-Madison and Michigan State University. Topics included animal well-being, heifer management, and Understanding/Utilizing synchronization protocols correctly. Twenty-seven people attended the meeting from four counties.

Artificial Insemination Course – Held a two-day AI course at a local dairy. The course was offered in English and Spanish and provided students with a half day of classroom work followed with a day and a half of hands-on work with AI equipment and cows. The course was developed by Outreach Specialist Connie Cordoba, Sauk County Ag Agent Katie Pfeiffer, and me. We plan to replicate the class in other locations in Wisconsin and eventually make the program a learning module for other ag agents to use in their own counties. Ten people attend the class, which was the perfect size so each participant had enough learning time with instructors.

Dairyland Initiative: As a professional development course, I took part in the University Of Wisconsin School Of Veterinary Medicine's Dairyland Initiative course on calf barn ventilation. The course focused on designing and sizing appropriate ventilation in calf barns. The majority of farm calls I get regarding facilities specifically deal with improving ventilation in barns. This course helped me learn to use the spreadsheets utilized by the vet school and UW engineers to design ventilation in barns. While UW-Extension does have a specialist who makes farm calls when asked, he is getting close to retirement and the skills to design ventilation takes years to perfect, so I am taking the first steps to be proficient at ventilation.

Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin-Management Assessment Center: The Management Assessment Center is a service provided by the Center for Dairy Profitability. The program is a two-day course for farm managers to learn to be better leaders by having their skills assessed by trained evaluators. The program is available to dairy, fruit, and grain farm managers. The program assesses individual behaviors in nine critical farm business management skills: leadership, managing resources, empathy, communication, creativity, teamwork, decision making, planning & organizing, and initiative. Farm manager participation offers the opportunity to interact with and learn from other dairy farm managers/owners, provides personalized feedback designed to improve your management abilities, and initiates the development of personal action strategies focused on management. The dairy assessment has been partnered with PDPW and a USDA grant to keep costs low for producers. I attended as the first step to be an evaluator for the program. I shadowed another evaluator and will follow up with the local producers he evaluated. I will attend training in the coming year to finalize my training process.

Winter meeting planning – Met with regional colleagues to plan winter/spring meetings. Upcoming meetings are a beef/dairy beef producer meeting which will include a short meeting in Green Bay followed by a plant tour of JBS. A dairy modernization meeting will be held in January and focus on robotics technology on farms, a milk quality meeting will be held in March in Luxemburg, and I am planning horse production meeting in winter.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

December 3, 2013

Officer Training: I had an opportunity to work with 4-H community club officers to help them in their current leadership roles. This year I worked with 4-H teens association members and two adult volunteer leaders to conduct the training. The teens worked together with me to plan and present mock meeting scenarios and a group ice breaker. In addition, they helped with the break out session for each officer role. The teen association members that helped deliver the training have the opportunity to build life skills such as planning and organizing, public speaking, and role modeling.

During the training, we worked on creating a welcoming environment, how to run a meeting, the importance of knowing how to run a meeting, and officer roles. Officer training is a critical element to the 4-H community club program. The training provides teen leaders an opportunity to better understand their role as club leaders and role models to new members. The training provides the tools to help them be successful in their leadership position. In turn, The teen leaders are to share this knowledge and build capacity at their club level.

State Horse Leader's Conference: During the 2013 Horse Leaders Conference, I had an opportunity to create a more inclusive environment through a statewide sportsmanship program. The sportsmanship program has existed for a number of years but was never really highlighted the accomplishment of receiving a statewide sportsmanship award. Through the sportsmanship program, I was able to bring to light the importance of sportsmanship at a county and state level. Additionally, I had an opportunity to work with the member of State 4-H Horse Association Board as one of their advisors. As the advisor for this group, I work with youth from throughout the Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Association project to build leadership skills, educational opportunities, and community awareness. I work with the group on a continual basis throughout the year. Overall, the leadership conference is an excellent leadership opportunity for all of the youth and adults involved.

4-H Program Area Conference: In November, I had the opportunity to attend the 4-H Youth Development Program Area Conference. The focus of the conference was on inclusion in diversity. This was an excellent opportunity to learn about inclusion from key note speakers, concurrent sessions, and other educational opportunities. One session that I particularly found informational focused on bullying during out of school time programs. I am currently reviewing the curriculum from that session. In addition, I appreciated the time to network with colleagues from throughout the state and work on topics that are pertinent to our county programs. This conference provided a number of great ideas that I hope to implement in Kewaunee County.

4-H Teen Association: The 4-H Teen Association is gearing up for the annual Toys for Tots campaign. Last year, they began working with the program during the holiday season. I worked with the youth to make this a service learning project for the group. Service learning goes beyond community service and engages the members at levels of the service process. They are currently in the planning and collection phase of the service-learning project. One of the major activities that they plan is children's area. They are currently planning what activities that they are going to do with the children during this time. Typically, the teens plan child friendly, hands-on activities like decorating cookies and making crafts. The children's area allows a parent the time to choose gifts for their family and keep it a surprise.

For the Toys for Tots campaign the teens issue a challenge to the 4-H community clubs to collect as many gifts as a club as possible. The club the collects the most gifts wins an ice cream and movie party from the teen association. In turn, those toys are given to the Toys for Tots campaign. Additionally, this year, the clubs were issued a challenge to collect hats and mittens to distribute to the families. This service learning activity has a big impact on the youth involved in the 4-H Teen Association and they enjoy working with the program each year.

Upcoming Events

Project Day: The Kewaunee County annual Project Day planning is under way for 2014. The event is scheduled for March 1, 2014. We are currently seeking older youth and adult presenters as well as volunteers willing to help with the day's activities. Last year we had over 100 youth (both 4-H and non 4-H members) participate and this year we are anticipating more participants. Not only does the program provide the youth with new life-skills, but it also is a good method for promoting the 4-H program in Kewaunee County.



*University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating.
UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX
and ADA.*

Kewaunee County Agriculture and Extension Committee
Activities Report for November, 2013
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Economic Development:

- Attended UWEX Broadband Boot Camp Conference in Wausau; planning and partnership development with Literacy Partners, KCEDC and other community stakeholders to develop digital literacy educational program.
- Met with one individual to conduct business planning education.

Local Food System Economy:

- Implemented November 7th workshop on Business Planning for Local Food Businesses, 16 people were in attendance.
- Implemented November 22nd workshop on local food aggregation opportunities for Northeast Wisconsin, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Local Food Network and NWTC. 45 people were in attendance
- Planning for December 5th workshop on Legal Issues for Local Food Producers, in conjunction with DTCAP.
- Continued facilitation and planning for Lakeshore Industry Cluster Initiative – Local Food (formerly Fruit and Vegetable) Cluster work to conduct aggregation feasibility study.

Organizational Development:

- Supported development of the Kewaunee County Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Task Force.
- Continued Performance Management and Appraisal system development, preparation for training program with supervisors at Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department.
- Continued community planning in Algoma to develop swim programming for students in conjunction with the YMCA in Sturgeon Bay and the City of Algoma Youth Club, with support and participation from Ministry Health Care and Jill Jorgensen, UWEX Youth Development Educator.

Other:

- Continued work to research and record on-going impacts of the closure of the Kewaunee Power Station.
- Administrative/budget work associated with Department Head role.
- Attended UWEX CNRED Eastern District Inservice in Fond du Lac.

Zoning Committee Meeting
December 3, 2013
Kewaunee County Administration Center
Minutes

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Mayer at 4:24 pm.

Roll Call:

Members present included David Mayer, Ron Paider, Don Delebreaux, Bob Garfinkel and Glenn Selner, County Zoning Administrator. Also present were Ed Dorner and Assistant District Attorney Jeffery Wisnicky.

Review and Approve Last Month's Minutes:

Don moved and Ron seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Changes and Additions to Agenda:

Ron moved to approve the agenda as presented. Don seconded. Motion passed.

Reports from Department Personnel:

Glenn reviewed the 2014 fee schedule with the committee, making only a few changes:

Changes to Sanitary Permits:

"Conventional System Holding Tanks" were \$375.00 raised to \$400.00 and "Mound Systems" raised to \$500.00 from \$475.00.

Changes/Additions to Building Permits:

"Building Permits (any structure "2001 - 5,000 square feet) were raised from \$275.00 to \$400.00. Dry cask storage structure units will be \$3,000 per unit.

Ron moved to accept the changes/additions for the 2014 County Shoreline and Zoning Sanitary Fee Schedule. Don seconded the motion. The vote was a unanimous Yes.

Discuss Change to Sanitary Ordinance.

Changes to the Sanitary Ordinance were discussed. The committee will review and finalize the Sanitary Ordinance changes at our January committee meeting. At that time, a public hearing will be scheduled. After the public hearing, the ordinance will go to the Kewaunee County Board for a vote.

Sanitary and Zoning Violations - None

Communications:

The National Resources Board has proposed to extend the updated Shoreline Zoning ordinances compliant with NR115 from February 1, 2014 to May 1, 2016.

Approval of Travel:

None

Such other Matters as Allowed by Law:

None

Overtime:

None

Approval of Bills:

Ron moved to approve all bills presented. Don seconded. Motion carried.

Set Next Meeting Date:

Ron moved and Don seconded to set the next meeting date for January 7, 2014 at 4:00 pm. The vote was a unanimous yes.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Don and seconded by Ron to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Garfinkel
Secretary