



**Langlade County Board of Supervisors**

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**Langlade County Board: Ag & Extension Committee:**

Notice of Meeting

**DATE:** Monday, January 13, 2025

**TIME:** 5:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Langlade County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building

*Notice: A quorum of the Langlade County Board and various County Board committees may be present at this meeting. No business will be discussed nor any action taken by the Langlade County Board or any other County Board committee, other than the committee listed on this notice. It is anticipated that discussion and action may occur regarding all items posted on this agenda.*

**Agenda**

*The Chairperson shall determine the order that agenda items are considered.*

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Conduct Roll Call
3. Please silence all cell phones
4. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approve previous meeting minutes of November 11, 2024
6. Program Updates: FoodWise Program, 4-H Program, Agriculture Program, Agriculture Research Station, Office Program Assistant
7. 2024 Expense Summary for Ag & Extension
8. Area Extension Director (Area 3) Position Update
9. 4-H Educator Hiring Update
10. Continued Discussion on potential Agriculture Research Station Expansion
11. Area Extension Director Updates
12. Update or Report from the County Administrator
13. Next meeting date
14. Adjourn the meeting

**Committee Members:**

Ben Pierce  
Chair

Jeff Wickersheim

Doug Curler

Zach Zagar

Rick Bina

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## MEETING MINUTES

**Committee:** Agriculture & Extension Committee  
**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building, 840 Clermont Street

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chairman Pierce.
2. Conduct Roll Call. Motion by Wickersheim, second by Bina to excuse Zagar. All ayes, motion carried. The Committee and all in attendance introduced themselves.
3. Please silence all cell phones
4. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AG & EXTENSION AND LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE/SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Name	Role	Status
Ben Pierce	Chair	Present
Rick Bina	Vice-Chair	Present
Zach Zagar	Member	Absent
Doug Curler	Member	Present
Jeff Wickersheim	Member	Present

### Non-Committee Members Present

Name	Interest	Name	Interest
Kevin Gallenberg	Research Station Manager	Art Lersch	Area Extension Director
Scott Reuss	Ag Educator	Mandi Dornfeld	Area Extension Director Area 8
Jason Hilger	County Administrator	Stephanie Loderbauer	Office Program Assistant
Terri Kolb	FoodWise Nutrition Administrator	Judy Nagel	Deputy County Clerk, Rec. Secretary

5. Approve previous meeting minutes of September 16, 2024: Motion by Curler, second by Wickersheim to approve the previous meeting minutes of September 16, 2024. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Program Updates: FoodWise Program, 4-H Program, Agriculture Program, Agriculture Research Station, Office Program Assistant: FoodWise Nutrition Administrator Kolb discussed the written report submitted to the Committee. Kolb stated Meyer has been in the Elcho School, moving the White Lake School and then will be in the Antigo School. Kolb and Meyer are working with the Food Pantries on best practices for donations, managing grants, networking with the Pantries. Kolb also wrote and received a grant through ADRC for seniors to be more physically active, increasing socialization and improve nutrition for seniors. Information only.

Research Station Manager Gallenberg presented the Committee with a written report. Gallenberg stated crops have been harvested at the Research Station, using borrowed equipment and volunteers, building is cleaned and winterized, selling some soybeans, 2000 pounds of potatoes donated. Discussion held. Information only.

Agriculture Educator Scott Reuss discussed winter bale grazing soil samples, working with North Dakota State to be a satellite sight for Sweet White Lupine, receiving private donations for the costs. Reuss discussed the cover crop tour in Gillett, and the upcoming Beef Quality Assurance Certificate. Reuss also discussed the Nitrogen Manure Research Project.

## Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Office Program Assistant Loderbauer presented the Committee with a written report. Loderbauer continues to cover for the vacant 4-H Agent. Loderbauer sent out a flier for National 4-H Week and received many new leader and 4-H enrollments. Information only.

7. **October 2024 Expense Summary for Ag & Extension:** Area Director Lersch distributed a copy of the revenue and expenses for the UW Extension. Discussion on revenues, state wage agreement, the vacant 4-H Educator. Information only.
8. **Langlade County/UW Extension 2025 Contract Review:** Area Director Lersch distributed a copy of the Contract between Langlade County and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, a one-year contract for a FT 4-H Educator, a .2 Regional Crops and Soils Educator and .5 Agriculture Research Station Manager, contract does not include FoodWise as that is a State position. Discussion on signing the contract. Motion by Curler, second by Bina to approve the 2025 Langlade County/UW Extension Contract, and forward the contract to the County Administrator for signing. All ayes, motion carried.
9. **Area Extension Director (Area 3) Position Update:** Area Director Lersch stated that his last day as Director will be December 13, 2024. Lersch introduced Mandi Dornfeld, as Dornfeld will be the Director for Langlade County and will add to her other counties: Oconto, Menominee County/Nation, Shawano and Marinette. The Committee thanked Lersch for his leadership.
10. **4-H Educator Hiring Update:** Area Director Lersch stated that the applications will now be accepted until November 20, 2024, noting the lack of applications.
11. **Discussion on Potential Agriculture Research Station Expansion:** Research Station Manager Gallenberg distributed copy of the revenue and expenses for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 and a proposed Equipment List if the Research Station were to expand. Gallenberg has discussed the expansion with both the Hancock Station and Madison Station. Discussion on other partners, long-term and potential partners, the sustainability of the Research Station. Discussion held. This item will be on future agendas.
12. **Area Extension Director Updates:** Area Director Lersch stated that the only position open is the 4-H Educator Position.
13. **Update or Report from County Administrator:** County Administrator Hilger thanked Lersch and staff for the programs and services they provide Langlade County Residents. Committee Chairman Pierce thanked Lersch for the years of service.
14. **Next Meeting Date:** January 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room.
15. **Adjourn the Meeting:** Motion by Curler, second by Wickersheim to adjourn the November 11, 2024 meeting at 6:10 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:  
Judy Nagel, County Clerk