



MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Agriculture & Extension Committee
Date: Monday, July 8, 2024
Time: 4:30 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 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Pierce.
2. Conduct Roll Call.
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
Jason Hilger	County Administrator	Scott Reuss	Agriculture Educator
Beth Meyer	FoodWise Nutrition Educator	Stephanie Loderbauer	Office Program Assistant
Becky Rank	Deputy County Clerk, Recording Sec.		

5. **Approve previous meeting minutes of May 13, 2024:** Motion by Curler, second by Wickersheim to approve the previous meeting minutes of May 13, 2024. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Public requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas:** None
7. **Program Updates: FoodWise Program, 4-H Program, Agriculture Program, Agriculture Research Station, Office Program Assistant:** FoodWise Educator Meyer presented the Committee with a written report prior to the meeting. Meyer updated the Committee on current programming with Hope House residents, Special Olympics, Adult Day Services, Boys and Girls Club Teen Center, and Elcho Connects. Discussion was held. Information only.
 Area Extension Director Lersch updated the Committee on the 4-H Program. 4-H Educator Tiffany was unable to attend the meeting. A written report was presented to the Committee prior to the meeting. Information only.
 Langlade County Research Station Manager Gallenberg presented the Committee with a written report prior to the meeting. Gallenberg discussed the amount of rain received this spring. Gallenberg stated a new sign has been installed at the Research Station. Gallenberg discussed the addition of a new trial and the use of the extra plots that were planted. Field Day will be held on July 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Information only.
 Office Program Assistant Loderbauer presented the Committee with a written report prior to the meeting. Loderbauer discussed organizing the 4-H annual Archery Shoot Out, High School Scholarship Application for 4-H Leaders Association Approval and award, assisting with the Horse and Pony Project with preparing for the Annual Spring Show, preparing for the Annual 4-H Financial Report, assisting with the Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety and other activities. Information only.
 Agriculture Educator Reuss presented the Committee with a written report. Reuss discussed the harvest of winter annual forage and the harvest of three sites of winter wheat. Reuss updated the committee on a

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grant-funded two-year project regarding liquid dairy manure and nitrogen rate interaction occurring at Sievert Dairy. Reuss discussed the Youth Tractor & Machinery Safety Course. Reuss presented the Committee with a printed Individual Plan of Work. Reuss stated he is always looking for feedback on the work plan. Reuss also presented the Committee with a July 2024 Ag Newsletter. Information only.

8. **June 2024 Budget/Expense Summary for Ag & Extension:** Area Extension Director Lersch presented the Committee with a written budget. Lersch stated the budget is in good shape. Lersch stated Equipment Repairs/ Maintenance is currently over budget, a grant has been awarded and will balance that line item once funds are received. Information only.
9. **4-H AmeriCorps Position Funding:** Area Extension Director Lersch updated the Committee on the possibility of adding a 4-H AmeriCorps member beginning in January and going through August. This position is offered through a matching grant from Wisconsin State 4-H. The thought behind this position is to expand the 4-H programming to more Langlade County Schools, including White Lake and Elcho. We are looking at adding after-school programs as well as classroom programs. This position is half-time, totaling 900 hours. Lersch stated the funding match to the County will be \$2,500. County Administrator Hilger stated funding is available. Motion by Curler, second by Bina to approve adding a 4-H AmeriCorps member not to exceed a funding match of \$2,500. All ayes, motion carried.
10. **Area Extension Director updates:** Area Extension Director Lersch stated the University is wrapping up the Partnership Guidance Documents. Lersch stated he is retiring in mid-December. The Committee thanked Lersch for his work in Langlade County. Lersch discussed the process of filling the position. Information only.
11. **Update or Report on Activities/Grants from the County Administrator:** County Administrator Hilger stated Lersch is in frequent communication with him about the Extension Department. Hilger has no concerns about the budget. Information only.
12. **Next meeting date:** September 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room.
13. **Adjourn the meeting:** Motion by Bina, second by Curler to adjourn the Ag & Extension Committee Meeting at 5:17 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:
Becky Rank, Deputy County Clerk