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### **Meeting Minutes for the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee**

**Date:** March 14, 2019  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Conference Room 5, Courthouse Annex Building  
1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin  
**Contact Name and Email:** Jason Hausler, [jason.hausler@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:jason.hausler@ces.uwex.edu)  
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**Present:** Dale O'Brien, Daniel Martinson, Charles Gussel, Matt Jacowski

**Excused:** Barry Jacowski

**Staff Present:** Jason Hausler, Sherry Daniels, Connie Creighton, Nathan Sandwick, Ken Schroeder, Lisa Henriksen

**Others Present:**

**Call to Order:** Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Room 5 of the Courthouse Annex Building, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point.

**Roll Call:** 4 present

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by M. Jacowski, seconded by Gussel to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of 4 ayes.

**Public Comments:** No one registered to speak before the committee at this time.

**Review/Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2019:** Motion by Martinson, seconded by M. Jacowski to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved by unanimous vote of 4 ayes.

**Farm safety update:** Schroeder reported that pesticide applicator training is underway. Three trainings have already been completed with an additional training scheduled. Outreach materials have been sent out to planning group for summer farm safety programs.

**Review of vendor invoice lists:** List was reviewed.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action: Request for special meeting attendance:**

- Creighton reported that the posting for the 4-H Summer assistant is posted and approached the Committee to assist in those interviews. Gussel volunteered to help in the interview process.
- Drainage district interviews are scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> - all Committee members plan on attending.
- M. Jacowski planned to attend the next Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee meeting as well as a groundwater tour sponsored by Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin that will be scheduled in June or July.
- Hausler invited the Committee to attend a collaborative meeting of all Area 7 Ag & Extension Committees members scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> at UWSP Marshfield.

M. Jacowski moved to approve requests for special meeting attendance for Committee members as discussed. Seconded by Gussel. Motion approved by unanimous vote of 4 ayes.

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**Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of attendance of special meetings:** No special meeting attendance was submitted for approval.

**Discussion/Possible Action: Special meeting attendance report:** No special meeting attendance reports were given.

**Drainage District Commission annual appointment update:** Due to scheduling conflicts the interview date was changed to March 27, 2019. All received applications have been sent to committee members for review before the interviews. Corporation counsel has been invited to attend the interviews as well.

**Area Extension Director Report:** Hausler reported he presented at the joint legislative meeting held on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

As a part of the transition to UW-Madison Extension staff now have new email addresses ending in @wisc.edu.

Hausler reported that Portage County Extension has been selected for a civil rights review. The review is set for April 16<sup>th</sup>. Planning meetings with staff are currently underway to prepare for the review.

Hausler reported that the hiring process for the 4-H summer assistant and the horticulture positions are underway.

Extension staff are starting work on the 2018 annual report. Hausler hopes to have the annual report to the Committee by the end of April or early May.

Hausler also invited the committee to attend the Joint Extension meeting of all Area 7 Ag & Extension Committees members on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Agent Report(s) as applicable:** Schroeder reported that he plans to compile and distribute information on how to utilize potential nutrient credits on potato tubers that were unable to be harvested this past fall.

Daniels reported on the Strong Bodies program. The new class starting in Amherst has reached it maximum capacity for attendance at 28 participants. Articles on StrongBodies and Raising a Thinking a Child were published in the Community Spirit of Amherst and an article on StrongBodies was published the Portage County Gazette.

Sandwick reported that he has been researching data on TIF Districts and would be willing to assemble the information for the Committee.

Creighton reported that the 2019 Teen Winter Camp was successful. Portage County partnered with Shawano, Waupaca, Langlade, Lincoln, and Marathon Counties to put on this camp. Currently planning for summer camps, robotics programming, and summer garden programs are underway. Creighton also gave an overview of the Portage County participants selected for 4-H Leadership trips.

M. Jacowski suggested that if there are budgetary needs that cannot be met for specific 4-H programming staff should look into getting funding from other organizations in the area or submitting a budget adjustment for County funds. Discussion followed.

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**Future Agenda Item Reminder:** No future agenda reminders were proposed.

**Set next meeting date and time: April 11, 2019 @ 7:00 PM**

**Adjournment:** Having no further business to come before the committee, meeting was adjourned at 6:48PM on motion made by Gussel, seconded by M. Jacowski. Motion carried by voice vote of 4 ayes.

Minutes recorded by: Lisa Henriksen

Signed: /s/ Lisa A. Henriksen