

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
AGRICULTURAL & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Monday, June 8, 2020

Chairman Gentz called the meeting to order at 10:30 am, via WebEx.

1. The meeting was properly announced.
2. Supervisors present: Merlin Gentz, Joe Mueller, Mike Hofberger, Duaine Stillman, and Marilyn Schuh. Also present: Carlea Liermann, 4-H Program Educator; Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Extension Educator; Chris Viau, Extension Area 10 Director; and Connie Leonhard, Program Assistant.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Moved by Supervisor Stillman and seconded by Supervisor Schuh to approve the agenda for the June 8, 2020, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.
5. Moved by Supervisor Mueller and seconded by Supervisor Hofberger to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020, Agriculture & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.
6. Report of Committee Members
 - a. Reports of official meetings held since the last Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
 - none
 - b. Upcoming Events
 - none
7. Communications
 - none
8. Items for Action or Discussion
 - a. Carlea Liermann, 4-H Program Coordinator
 - Summer Programming
 - Pen Pal program kicked off for grades 3 and up, 16 matches with Iowa County. Participants are to write two letters each month to their pen pal. Hopefully, next summer the youth can meet in person.
 - 13 youth have signed up for the Lego Club which will be held via zoom (second Monday of the month)
 - The June State Exchange will be with Polk County, Florida / 8 teens participated in May with Tom Green County, Texas.
 - July - Programming in a box: art, stem, camp, cloverbud.
 - Some 4-H clubs are meeting virtually.
 - 153 Calumet 4-H members completed the fair survey
 - Chris reviewed Extension's policy regarding fair
 - b. Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Extension Educator
 - Summer Field Day Format - Amber will be working with Nutrient Management specialists at UW-Madison to host a virtual field day. The intent is to have a live feed and collect video to tell the story of the field day by following the project through harvest and sharing the data collected: NR51 depth to bedrock and how much manure can be spread on fields, different application methods, and how far the manure travels in the soil. Amber shared information on Foremost Dairy's closing and the impact on Calumet County dairy farmers. Amber also shared some of the farm assistance programs available to farmers because of COVID-19.

9. Report of Department
 - a. Chris Viau, Area 10 Extension Director
 - Administrative/Department Report - Chris has completed a "Back to Office" plan for Calumet County in cooperation with Mary Kohrell with a focus on the basement office space. An additional plan will be made when the offices move back to the third floor.
 - UW-Madison, Division of Extension Update - UW Employees are expected to telecommute at least through June. Virtual or no-contact programming is still anticipated through June. Chris will be working to mesh the UW guidelines and the county guidelines for completing the Back to Office plans.

Committee would like to view the agenda as the WebEx meeting is in progress.

10. Set next meeting date: The next meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee will be held on Monday, July 13, at 10:30 am.
11. Adjourn
Chairman Gentz declared the meeting adjourned at 11:21 am.