

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
AGRICULTURAL & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Monday, September 9, 2019

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

1. The meeting was properly announced.
2. Members present: Merlin Gentz, Mike Hofberger, Joe Mueller, Pat Laughrin, and Duaine Stillman. Also present: Tami Gasch, 4-H Program Coordinator; Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Extension Educator; and Chris Viau, Extension Area 10 Director.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Moved by Supervisor Stillman and seconded by Supervisor Mueller to approve the agenda for the September 9, 2019, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried.
5. Moved by Supervisor Hofberger and seconded by Supervisor Laughrin to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019, Agriculture & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried.
6. Public Participation - none
7. Report of Committee Members
 - a. Reports of official meetings held since the last Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
 - Supervisor Laughrin reported on a new idea he has on testing ground water. He is going to meet with a company that can make the testing equipment. It would create an instant test read-out on a well, like a blood test.
 - Supervisor Stillman reported on the county fair.
 - b. Upcoming Events
 - none
8. Communications - none
9. Items for Action or Discussion
 - a. Tami Gasch, 4-H Program Coordinator
 - 4-H Program Recap
 - Tami reviewed 4-H program coordinator responsibilities and position objectives and how they related to current program offerings. She shared information about club enrollments, who the strong clubs and volunteers are, as well as shared opportunities for future programs for growth.
 - b. Amber O'Brien, Agriculture Extension Educator
 - Harvesting Late-Planted Corn Silage
 - Corn Silage Dry Down Days
 - "Meeting Tomorrow's Feeding Challenges Today" Seminars
10. Report of Department
 - a. Chris Viau, Area 10 Extension Director
 - 4-H Program Coordinator Vacancy
 - Position is posted, and closes on September 11 at 11:50 pm. The process includes an initial screening to be sure applicants meet qualifications, with preliminary interviews on September 23. The Search and Screen Committee includes Chris as Area Extension Director; John de Montmollin, a State 4-H Program Assistant Manager; Amber O'Brien; Alicia Schroeder Haag from Outagamie County; and an Extension committee member. Final

interview goal is September 30, with a start date of November 1. UW Madison HR has allowed the hiring process to move quickly due to more resources being available.

- Contracted Services Agreement with UW-Madison Division of Extension
 - Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the county and will be sent to Madison for their final review and approval.
- Office Relocation
 - Tentatively set to happen in October. Storage space has been identified for some materials, so everything will stay on-site.

11. Set next meeting date: The next meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee will be held on Monday, October 14, 2019, at 10:30 am. Supervisors Gentz and Mueller are not available for this meeting, so the meeting may be cancelled.

12. Adjourn
Supervisor Gentz called the meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.