

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE CALUMET COUNTY  
**AGRICULTURAL & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Monday, September 13, 2021

Chairman Gentz called the meeting to order at 10:30 am in Room #015 of the Calumet County Courthouse.

1. The meeting was properly announced.
2. Members present: Merlin Gentz, Mike Hofberger, Joe Mueller, Duaine Stillman, and Marilyn Schuh. Also present: Alice Connors, County Board Chair; Carlea Liermann, 4-H Program Educator; Christi Gabriliska, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator; Kris Soper, FoodWise Nutrition Educator; and Connie Leonhard, Extension Program Assistant.  
Chris Viau, Area 10 Extension Director, connected via phone.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Moved by Supervisor Stillman and seconded by Supervisor Mueller to approve the agenda for the September 13, 2021, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Moved by Supervisor Hofberger and seconded by Supervisor Schuh to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021, Agriculture & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Public Participation - none
7. Report of Committee Members
  - a. Reports of official meetings held since the last Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
    - none
  - b. Upcoming Events
    - none
8. Communications
  - Chairman Gentz read the e-mail that was sent by Kimberly Tenerelli, Calumet County Corporation Counsel, to Chris Viau regarding the county's decision to no longer fund the agriculture educator position as of July 31, 2021, and request that the Extension contract be changed accordingly.
9. Items for Action or Discussion
  - a. Carlea Liermann, 4-H Program Educator
    - County Fair and 4-H Projects
      - Carlea showed a Fox 11 news segment that highlighted Ben Nagel, Calumet County 4-H member, and his 4-H project retrofitting a bulk milk truck into a manure tanker. She also presented a PowerPoint with other Calumet County youth and the projects that they've been working on during the 4-H year. Carlea highlighted her time at the Calumet County Fair working with the educational aspects of the fair, connecting with 4-H families, and promoting 4-H to fair attendees. Carlea handed out "Extension's Guidelines on the Educational Roles of County Extension Educators at County Fairs" document.
  - b. Christi Gabriliska and Kris Soper, FoodWise
    - Garden program at Ledge View Nature Center
      - Christi reviewed the educational garden plot at Ledgeview Nature Center and the collaborations with Ledgeview Nature Center staff, Master Gardeners, WIC, 4-H, and Salvation Army to build, plant, weed, harvest food, and hold educational programs for youth and families. FoodWise held a "Let's Grow" program where the target audience was foodshare eligible families with children. A total of eight families attended the program.

- Kris Soper spoke on her other presentations in Calumet County including Ag Safety Day by teaching “My Plate” to the hundred youth in attendance; and Grocery Store Tours that are conducted in partnership with Salvation Army, WIC, and Wal-Mart.

Alice Connors left the meeting at 11:30 am.

10. Report of Department

a. Chris Viau, Area 10 Extension Director

- Department Report
  - Messaging regarding Extension ag outreach changes – Chris shared the types of Extension agriculture services that are available to county residents, as well as those that will no longer be provided.
  - The contract between the Board of Regents of the UW System and Calumet County is being updated to reflect the change in the agriculture educator position.
  - The revised Extension budget has been submitted to the Finance Director.
  - Committee meeting frequency – this committee will continue to meet as needed.

11. Set next meeting date: The Agriculture and Extension Education Committee will meet when needed.

12. Adjourn

Chairman Gentz declared the meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Leonhard, Recording Secretary