

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

Monday, October 11, 2021

Chairman Gentz called the meeting to order at 10:28 am in Room #015 of the Calumet County Courthouse.

1. The meeting was properly announced.
2. Members present: Merlin Gentz, Joe Mueller, Duaine Stillman, and Marilyn Schuh. Mike Hofberger arrived at 10:31.  
Also present: Carlea Liermann, 4-H Program Educator; Chris Viau, Area 10 Extension Director; and Connie Leonhard, Program Assistant.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Moved by Supervisor Mueller and seconded by Supervisor Schuh to approve the agenda for the October 11, 2021, Ag & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Moved by Supervisor Schuh and seconded by Supervisor Mueller to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021, Agriculture & Extension Education Committee meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Mike Hofberger arrived at 10:31 am.

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
  - none
9. Items for Action or Discussion
  - a. Carlea Liermann, 4-H Program Educator
    - 2021-2022 4-H Year
      - Carlea recapped National 4-H Week which was held October 3-9, and shared the Facebook promotions, videos, and radio programs that were used to promote Calumet County 4-H.
      - The 4-H Annual Calendar of Events was shared with the committee.
        - Carlea discussed fall 4-H programs: Cloverbud Project Meetings, Festival of Fun, and 4-H Recognition Dinner. Winter programs being planned include: 4-H Family Fun Day, Speaking Contest, Winter Leadership Camp. Spring programs consist of the Demonstration Contest, Pinewood Derby, and an area arts camp. Summer activities that are being worked on include Cloverbud Camp, Adventure Camp, Brillion Nature Center Camp, Summer Camp, Outpost Camp, and a Teen Wisconsin Bus Tour.
10. Report of Department
  - a. Chris Viau, Area 10 Extension Director
    - Department update
      - Chris informed the committee of a correction regarding the ag staffing plan, in that the county Extension ag educator would have access to state specialists.
      - A discussion was held on Extension's Ag Staffing plan.
      - The Calumet County Extension budget contracted services line item includes a first educator discount of \$10,000.

- Area/State updates
  - UW-Madison Division of Extension is in the process of creating a statewide web-based system to address horticulture inquiries. As of January 1, 2022, local Master Gardener Associations will be stand-alone organizations, not associated with Extension. Master Gardener volunteers will have the choice of being an Extension volunteer or a volunteer for other organizations.

Marilyn Schuh left the meeting at 12:06 pm.

- Chris reminded the committee that Extension's FoodWise program is active in Calumet County.

11. Set next meeting date: The Agriculture and Extension Education Committee will meet on Monday, December 13, 2021.

12. Adjourn

Chairman Gentz declared the meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Leonhard, Recording Secretary