

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 18, 2019
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

Chair Kilkenny called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present: Chair Dan Kilkenny, Vice Chair Charlene Staples, Supervisor Nancy Russell, School Administrator Russ Tronsen, and FSA Representative Sharon Travis. Citizen Member Kathleen Papcke was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance

County Staff: Area Extension Director Christine Wen; County Administrator David Bretl; Agriculture Extension Educator Jim Versweyvel; Human Development and Relationships Extension Educator Amanda Kostman; FoodWise Coordinator Lisa Krolow

On motion by FSA Representative Travis, seconded by Vice Chair Staples, the agenda was approved by voice vote with no withdrawals.

FSA Representative Travis made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Staples, to approve the December 10, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Comment – There was none.

New Business

- Introduction of Lisa Krolow, FoodWise Coordinator (Walworth & Jefferson Co.)

Area Extension Director Christine Wen introduced Lisa Krolow, who started with Extension as FoodWise Coordinator for Jefferson and Walworth Counties on January 14. Ms. Krolow has her Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology and Sociology, and worked previously at Health and Human Services on FoodShare eligibility for consumers and Catholic Charities. She is currently training with Yolanda Pena and will focus efforts on collaborating with Lutheran Social Services, the Open Arms Free Clinic, Twin Oaks Shelter, the WIC program, and elderly and disabled housing sites to promote FoodWise programs and learning opportunities. School Administrator Tronsen asked if FoodWise collaborated with the schools to assist and encourage eligible families to enroll in free lunch programs, and Krolow said she will help to promote the opportunity within the community she works with.

- Update on Horticulture position

Wen said the position description is being revised and will be submitted for the approval process through Extension. She hopes the job will be posted within the next few weeks. The position will be allocated 60% to Walworth County and 20% to Rock County. If there is a sufficient pool of qualified applicants, hiring should be accomplished in early May.

Reports

- Educator Report – Amanda Kostman, Human Development and Relationships Extension Educator
Amanda Kostman, Human Development and Relationships Extension Educator gave her report on ongoing and upcoming educational programs and collaborative events. Programs include Rent Smart, All My Money, Money Matters, Financial Coach Training, Taking Care of You, Healthy Individuals and Relationships, Healthy Eating, Food Preservation and Strong Women. In collaboration with the Walworth County Community Alliance, a Domestic Abuse Shelter Case Study program is scheduled for this month. A Poverty Simulation will be conducted with Extension's Side by Side in late April to increase awareness of the situations people in poverty face on a daily basis. Kostman said Extension is getting involved with the

Anti-Human Trafficking Movement to assist those who have gotten out of a bad situation to become independent and make better financial decisions. Kostman said potential future programming includes developing videos and podcasts to make programs more widely available to consumers.

- UW-Extension outreach and educational events – The information was included with the agenda packet.

Reports/announcements by Chair – There were none.

Confirmation of Next Meeting: Monday, April 22, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

On motion and second by FSA Representative Travis and Vice Chair Staples, Chair Kilkenny adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.