

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 18, 2020
Walworth County Government Center Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

County Administrator Mark Lubberda called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present either in person or by remote attendance: Supervisors Dan Kilkenny, Nancy Russell and Brian Holt, and Citizen Members Sharon Travis, Kathleen Papcke and Jennifer Straus. A quorum was declared.

Others present, either in person or by remote attendance:

County Staff: County Administrator Mark Lubberda; Horticulture Educator Julie Hill; 4-H Program Educator Janel Heidelmeier; 4-H/Youth Development Debbie Harris; Family & Financial Educator Amanda Kostman; FoodWise Coordinator Lisa Krolow; Agriculture Educator Jim Versweyeld

Special Order of Business

- Nominations and election of Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Chair
Lubberda accepted nominations for Chair. **Supervisor Dan Kilkenny made a motion, second by Supervisor Nancy Russell, to nominate Supervisor Brian Holt for Chair.** Lubberda asked three times for other nominations. **Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to close nominations and elect Supervisor Holt as Chair. Motion carried 6-0.** Chair Holt conducted the remainder of the meeting.

- Nominations and election of Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Vice-Chair
Chair Holt made a motion, second by Supervisor Russell, to nominate Supervisor Kilkenny for Vice Chair. Chair Holt asked three times for other nominations. **Supervisor Russell made a motion, second by Citizen Member Sharon Travis, to close nominations and elect Supervisor Kilkenny as Vice Chair. Motion carried 6-0.**

On motion by Citizen Member Travis, second by Citizen Member Kathleen Papcke, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Citizen Member Travis, second by Citizen Member Papcke, the March 16, 2020 Agriculture and Extension Education Committee minutes were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

- Role of the Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Chair Holt gave a brief overview of the information included in the meeting packet.

Reports

- Educator Report-Julie Hill, Horticulture
Julie Hill presented the information included in the meeting packet related to the Master Gardener classes and Horticulture program. She noted the community garden has been opened, as well.
- Educator Report-Debbie Harris, 4-H & Janel Heidelmeier, Youth Development
Janel Heidelmeier reported 4-H enrollment to be eligible for the Walworth County Fair currently stands at 762 members and 235 volunteers, totaling 997 participants. She noted this is close to the average from past years. She and Debbie Harris have been continuing with camp counselor training and other various 4-H

meetings and clubs, which have been held via Zoom and she provided an update on what 4-H has been working on. Harris said they have been working on an alternative camp program and finding what options are available. She noted the Scientists Live series will be presented by Zoom and also recorded for future use.

- Educator Report-Amanda Kostman, Health & Well-Being

Amanda Kostman presented the information included in the meeting packet. She said there will be 3-4 minute videos on their Facebook page related to different topics on well-being, especially related to COVID-19. She said they held a Rent Smart Train the Trainer class and said it was positively received. They are working on a Zoom program that can be used in the future as well. She said she has been working virtually with the Strong Women program members to ensure they are not feeling socially isolated. The State is also providing free online Strong Women courses for all members. They have still been meeting with the Walworth County Community Alliance remotely to continue discussion.

- Educator Report-Lisa Krolow, FoodWise

Lisa Krolow presented the information included in the meeting packet and gave an overview of what she has been working on, largely including the budget. She is hoping to expand the program in fiscal year 2021, including looking to bring on another educator. She said they are keeping food resources up-to-date on their website for citizens.

- Educator Report-Jim Versweyveld, Agriculture

Jim Versweyveld presented the information included in the meeting packet, including articles he has written. He said the Skid Steer Safety course has always been held in-person prior to COVID-19, but he was able to incorporate it into a Zoom format and deliver it to employees at Wisconsin Research Farms. He noted they are still planning to hold a tractor safety program online, but the tractor driving and testing will hopefully be in person in July.

- UW-Extension outreach and educational events

Chair Holt noted this information can be found in the meeting packet.

Reports/announcements by Chairperson – There were none.

Confirmation of next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Citizen Members Papcke and Travis, Chair Holt adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.