

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 20, 2020  
Walworth County Government Center Room 114  
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

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Chair Brian Holt called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present either in person or by remote attendance: Chair Brian Holt, Vice Chair Daniel Kilkenny, Supervisor Nancy Russell, FSA Representative Sharon Travis and Citizen Members Kathleen Papke and Jennifer Straus. A quorum was declared.

**Others present, either in person or by remote attendance:**

County Staff: County Administrator Mark Luberd and Family & Financial Educator Amanda Kostman

**On motion by FSA Representative Travis, second by Citizen Member Papke, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.**

**On motion by Supervisor Russell, second by FSA Representative Travis, the May 18, 2020 Agriculture and Extension Education Committee minutes were approved.**

**Public Comment** – There was none.

**Reports**

- Human Development and Relationships Educator Report and UW Extension Outreach and Educational Events.

Family and Financial Educator Amanda Kostman reported their office was working remotely. Kostman presented information regarding items included in the meeting packet regarding Mindful Money Moments and Rent Smart. She said that she and teams from throughout the state were working on the creation of Mindful Money Moments, which are three-minute programs on finance presented via social media. They are also creating an evaluation tool to measure the impact of these sessions.

Kostman explained that Rent Smart is a financial program to assist people in becoming better-informed renters. This in-person training has been converted to an online program via Zoom. The program consists of six one-hour sessions covering a variety of different topics related to renting. Future programs will also be translated into Spanish. A Train-the-Trainer program has also been developed for the curriculum. Kostman is the Rent Smart coordinator in Wisconsin and reported that they recently received an award for this curriculum.

Kostman said they have continued working with the Walworth County Community Alliance (WCCA), to bring agencies together to better address challenges facing our communities. She also reported they will conduct the Point-in-Time head count for the homeless next Wednesday and said they will also use outreach measures to bring services and opportunities to try to address identified problems.

Kostman said they are currently performing financial coaching with five people and provided an update regarding the upcoming Taking Care of You program and its conversion to an online version. She said there would also be an independent living program for those aging out of social services programs and making the transition to living on their own.

Citizen Member Papke inquired when they would be coming back into the office. Kostman said there is no current timeline for the reentry plan to return to the office. They are currently meeting in-person with prior approval. The office is in phase one of the transition back.

The committee asked that for an update regarding 4-H activities at the upcoming meeting.

**Reports and announcements by Chairperson**

Chair Holt noted that several times during the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) items were discussed that may have been appropriate to be discussed by this committee. Holt said LCC had discussed getting additional representation from the agricultural community to participate in the governmental process. He suggested an outreach/educational program targeted toward getting people involved in the government process and suggested setting up a meeting in the future to discuss this possible program.

**Reports/announcements by Chairperson** – There were none.

**Confirmation of next meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**On motion by FSA Representative Travis, second by Citizen Member Papke, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.**