



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Thursday, July 13, 2023

7:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Agriculture and Extension Education Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Members Present: David Peterson, Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski, Pat Keller, Steve Cieslewicz

Attending In-Person: David Peterson, Matt Jacowski, Barry Jacowski, Pat Keller, Steve Cieslewicz

Attending Online:

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Staff Attending: Jeremy Solin, Michelle Van Krey

Others Attending:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Review/approval of minutes from June 8, 2023.

A motion was made by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

REPORTS

2. Review Vendor Invoice List

The vendor invoice list and budget report were reviewed by the Committee.

3. Area Extension Director Report

Area Extension Director, Jeremy Solin, reported that they are currently conducting interviews for the community development educator position. There are three candidates that will participate in the final interviews. Anticipated start for this position is August 2023. Solin also provided an update on the Portage County Life report that will be published to the public soon.

4. Educator Report

Educators submitted a written report that was included in the committee meeting packet.

5. Introduction of new FoodWise Healthy Communities Coordinator

Solin introduced Michelle Van Krey. She is the new FoodWise Healthy Communities Coordinator serving Portage, Wood, Marathon & Clark Counties.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance: None
- Approval of attendance of special meetings: None
- Special meeting attendance reports: None

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Drainage District Commissioner Interview Appointment Process

Chair B. Jacowski reported that Justin Isherwood was appointed to the drainage board by the judges. The drainage board is considering moving to a 5-member board, from their current 3-member board.

8. Discussion/Possible Action: Community Development Extension Educator Position Update

Solin covered the Community Development Extension Educator Position Update in his Area Extension Director report.

CORRESPONDENCE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REMINDER

- Discussion/Possible Action: Drainage District Commissioner Interview Appointment Process
- Extension funding at state level

NEXT MEETING DATE

9. August 10, 2023 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Cieslewicz, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.