



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Thursday, September 14, 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: Barry Jacowski, Matt Jacowski, Dave Peterson, Pat Keller, Steve Cieslewicz
Attending In-Person: Barry Jacowski, Matt Jacowski, Dave Peterson, Pat Keller, Steve Cieslewicz
Attending Online:
Members Excused:
Members Absent:

Staff Attending: Jeremy Solin, Lisa Henriksen, Katie Livernash
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 August 10, 2023.

A motion was made by Supervisor Keller seconded by Supervisor Cieslewicz, 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. Introduction of new Community Development Educator

Solin introduced Katie Livernash. She is the new Community Development Educator that will be serving Portage County.

4. Area Extension Director Report

Solin reported that Connie Creighton, Portage County 4-H Youth Development Agent, is currently out on medical leave, but hopes to be back in the office in the next couple weeks. Solin also reported that coming in early 2024 state specialists from Extension will be hosting public engagement and information gathering sessions for local governments in Portage County regarding the challenges, opportunities and cost of large solar projects. Solin's final update was that work is still underway to restore funding for the Extension Natural Resources Education Program.

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

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Cieslewicz to forward the four candidates in rank order listed below to the Portage County Circuit Court Judges. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

1. Patrick Eger
2. Jeff Sommers
3. Catherine Guth
4. John Bustamante

CORRESPONDENCE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REMINDER

NEXT MEETING DATE

- 8. October 12, 2023 7:00pm**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.