



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Thursday, January 11, 2024

6:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Agriculture and Extension Education Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Barry Jacowski, Matt Jacowski, Pet Keller, Dave Peterson
Attending In-Person: Barry Jacowski, Matt Jacowski, Pet Keller, Dave Peterson
Attending Online:
Members Excused:
Members Absent: Steve Cieslewicz

Staff Attending: Jeremy Solin, Lisa Henriksen, Connie Creighton, Michelle Van Krey
Others Attending: John Pavelski

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 October 12, 2023.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Peterson, 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 the increase in support staff hours was in effect as of January 1st. The new schedule for support staff allows for better office coverage throughout the week. Solin also reported that Connie Creighton, Youth Development Educator, has returned from medical leave and Katie Livernash, Community Development Educator, continues to settle in to her new role and is working with the Community Centered Solar Development Advisory Group to prepare for upcoming community engagement sessions. Lastly, Solin reported he would like to present the 2023 Portage County Extension Annual Report to the Committee at their March meeting, then to the full County Board in May.

4. Educator Report

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

5. 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

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Drainage District Commission Update & Annual Recommendation Process

Based on the recent drainage district commissioners that have been appointed by the judiciary, Chair Jacowski stated he wanted the Ag & Extension Committee to cease the interview process for the recommendation of drainage district commissioner applicants.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski, seconded by Chair B. Jacowski, that at the March Ag & Extension Committee meeting the Committee would provide a list of three names to forward to the judiciary for drainage district commissioner recommendations.

Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

CORRESPONDENCE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REMINDER

NEXT MEETING DATE

- 7. February 8, 2024 6:00pm**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Peterson, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.