



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Thursday, February 8, 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, David Peterson, Steve Cieslewicz
Attending In-Person: Barry Jacowski, Matt Jacowski, David Peterson, Steve Cieslewicz
Attending Online:
Members Excused: Pat Keller
Members Absent:

Staff Attending: Jeremy Solin, Katie Livernash, Sherry Daniels, Ken Schroeder, Lisa Henriksen
Others Attending: John Pavelski, Lisa Anderson, Tor Anderson, Mildred Neville, Pat Quigley, Jenny Larsen

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.

Mildred Neville registered to speak on agenda item #8 - Discussion/Possible Action: Potential Partnership with Extension on Portage County Groundwater.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Review/approval of minutes from January 11, 2024.

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 the 2023 Portage County Extension Annual Report will be ready to present to the Committee at the March meeting, then to the full County Board in May. Solin also reported that an AmeriCorps intern is working with Connie Creighton to expand 4-H program outreach. Sherry Daniels also has an intern working with her on the Family Living Program.

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: 2024 Budget Adjustment for Portage County Extension Family Living Educational Program

Solin reported the Family Court Commissioner contacted Sherry Daniels to request Extension offer a local Parents Forever class. The Court Commissioner and the judges often mandate parents who are having custody disputes or divorces to take parenting training. None of these classes are currently being offered locally or in surrounding counties. The budget amendment would be for the purchase of supplies for this class to be offset by the revenue generated.

A motion was made by Supervisor Peterson, seconded by Supervisor Cieslewicz, to approve the budget adjustment for the Portage County Extension Family Living Educational Program. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Drainage District Commission Annual Recommendation Process

Vice-Chair M. Jacowski stated as was discussed at the January meeting drainage district commissioner interviews will not be conducted. In lieu, Committee members will bring forth names to submit to the judicial for the annual drainage district commissioner recommendation.

8. Discussion/Possible Action: Potential Partnership with Extension on Portage County Groundwater

Chair B. Jacowski and Vice-Chair M. Jacowski stated they would like to see the County's water quality positions work more in collaboration with Extension's water quality team. Solin reported he met with Executive Pavelski and Tim Reed regarding the upcoming Water Resource Specialist opening in Portage County and if there could be any potential collaboration with Extension. Discussion about possible collaboration will be continued at the March meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REMINDER

CORRESPONDENCE

NEXT MEETING DATE

9. March 14, 2024 6:00PM

ADJOURNMENT

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