



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Thursday, April 11, 2024

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 7:03pm.

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

Staff Attending: Jeremy Solin, Ken Schroeder, Lisa Henriksen
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 March 14, 2024.

A motion was made by Supervisor Peterson, 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 on a few upcoming events. The County Officials Workshop will take place on May 6th. Extension's Local Government Center and the Wisconsin Counties Association co-sponsor this day-long workshop to orient both new and continuing county officials. The Extension Northwoods Forum will take place on May 7th and is focused on topics important to communities in the Northwoods.

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:
 - Peterson – March 22, 2024 - Audubon Society Prairie Chicken Habitat Meeting
 - Peterson & B. Jacowski – March 27, 2024 - Solar Community Conversations Meeting
 - Peterson – April 4, 2024 - Lake Helen Protection & Rehabilitation District Commissioners Meeting
- Special meeting attendance reports:
 - Peterson reported attending the Audubon Society Prairie Chicken Habitat Meeting, where they discussed the need for additional land for prairie chicken habitat and how potential solar projects would impact prairie chickens.
 - Peterson & B. Jacowski reported attending the Solar Community Conversations where they discussed how potential solar projects would impact current agriculture in Portage County.
 - Peterson reported attending the Lake Helen Protection & Rehabilitation District Commissioners Meeting where they discussed lake management and current and potential grants.

A motion was made by Chair B. Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Keller, to approve special meeting attendance as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Thank you letter to legislators regarding N Optimization Grant Program

A motion was made by Vice Chair M. Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Peterson, to draft a thank-you letter to legislators regarding the N Optimization Grant Program. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

CORRESPONDENCE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REMINDER

NEXT MEETING DATE

- 7. May 9, 2024 7:00pm**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Peterson, seconded by Supervisor Keller, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.