



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 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 7:00pm.

Members Present: Vincent Miresse, Mike Splinter, Nancy Eggleston, Matt Jacowski, Amberle Schwartz

Attending In-Person: Vincent Miresse, Mike Splinter, Nancy Eggleston, Matt Jacowski, Amberle Schwartz

Attending Online:

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Staff Attending: Jeremy Solin, Lisa Henriksen

Others Attending: Jennifer Jossie

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

1. Review Vendor Invoice List

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

2. Area Extension Director Report

Area Extension Director, Jeremy Solin, reported he and staff from Extension's Local Government Education Program continue to meet with county board officials and department heads regarding strategic planning and program prioritization efforts.

Extension's Civil Rights Review

Solin also reported that educators and staff are currently working on preparations for a civil rights review in October.

3. Educator Report

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

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 public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Review/approval of minutes from June 13, 2024.

A motion was made by Supervisor Splinter, seconded by Supervisor Eggleston, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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:
 - Miresse - 6/20/2024 Drainage District Tour
 - Miresse - 7/11/2024 Potato Field Day
- Special meeting attendance reports:
 - Chair Miresse reported touring the Portage County drainage ditch systems to see current progress being made on maintaining the ditch system as well as learning about the history of the drainage ditches. Supervisor Eggleston also reported taking a drainage district tour as well to see all stages of drainage ditch maintenance.
 - Chair Miresse also reported attending the Potato Field Day at the Hancock Research Station. Topics covered included Nitrogen optimization, potato breeding, insect management, nitrate losses and precision agriculture techniques.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Schwartz, seconded by Supervisor Splinter, to approve special meeting attendance. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Drainage District Commissioner Recommendation Update

Staff placed the drainage district commissioner position advertisement in the Stevens Point Journal with a tentative interview date for August 7, 2024. Supervisor Jacowski reported the legal liner must be re-posted as it stated any "resident" interested when there is no residency requirement to be a drainage district commissioner. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Schwartz, seconded by Supervisor Jacowski, to change the language in the drainage district commissioner legal liner from resident to person. Discussion followed. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes. Staff will move forward and re-post the drainage district commissioner position advertisement in the Stevens Point Journal with a tentative interview date of September 11, 2024.

NEXT MEETING DATE

7. August 8, 2024 5:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm by Chair Miresse.