



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 12, 2024

5:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Agriculture and Extension Education Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

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

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

Attending Online: Mike Splinter

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Staff Attending: Jeremy Solin, Katie Livernash

Others Attending: Paul Cieslewicz, John Pavelski

Note: Chair Miresse asked Committee to move agenda items 4-7 to beginning of meeting.

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. Approval of minutes from August 8, 2024.

A motion was made by Supervisor Eggleston, seconded by Supervisor Jacowski, 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:
 - Chair Miresse requested to attend the Soil Carbon Amendments Field Day on September 13, 2024.

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

- Approval of attendance of special meetings:
 - Supervisor Jacowski - 8/27/2024 Agricultural Community Engagement (ACE) Twilight Meeting
- Special meeting attendance reports:

- Supervisor Jacowski reported attending the Agricultural Community Engagement (ACE) Twilight Meeting on August 27th. Topics covered included solar projects and the Agricultural Roads Improvement Program, as well as a farm tour.

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Interview & Recommendation for the Portage County Drainage District Commissioner Position
 - Paul Cieslewicz

Committee members only to receive references' contact information

Paul Cieslewicz was interviewed by the Committee. A motion was made by Supervisor Splinter, seconded by Supervisor Eggleston, to approve Paul Cieslewicz's recommendation for the Portage County Drainage District Commissioner position. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Proposed Extension/Wisconsin Counties Association MOU

Area Extension Director Solin gave some background on the proposed MOU and discussed the differences between the proposed MOU and the current Extension contract with the Committee. A motion was made by Supervisor Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Eggleston, to postpone the proposed Extension/Wisconsin Counties Association MOU agenda item indefinitely. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

1. Review Vendor Invoice List

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

Note: Supervisor Jacowski left the meeting at 5:51pm.

2. Area Extension Director Report

Preliminary Extension Contract & Budget Review

A draft of the 2025 Extension budget was included in the meeting packet. Area Extension Director Solin reviewed updates and changes to the 2025 budget with the Committee. The 2025 Extension contract will come before the Committee at the October meeting.

Discussion on Portage County 4-H Educator position

Solin reported that Connie Creighton, 4-H Youth Development Agent, plans to retire in early November and asked for feedback from Committee members on that position moving forward.

3. Educator Report

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

8. October 10, 2024 5:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm by Chair Miresse.