



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Thursday, October 10, 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 5:00 PM

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, Denise Rocha, Katie Livernash, Mallory McGivern, Michelle Van Krey, Penny Schmitt

Others Attending: John Pavelski

CORRESPONDENCE

PRESENTATIONS

1. FoodWise Program Overview

FoodWise staff, Mallory McGivern, Michelle Van Krey, and Penny Schmitt, provided the committee with an overview of the FoodWise program and a demonstration of a lesson that is conducted by FoodWise Educators in both youth and adult programming.

REPORTS

2. Review Vendor Invoice List

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

3. Area Extension Director Report

Draft 2025 Extension Contract

Area Extension Director, Jeremy Solin, reminded the committee of Connie, the 4-H Educator's upcoming retirement. He offered committee members to join in the interview process and informed the committee the plan is to fill the position at or just before the beginning of the new year. He also discussed the annual contract, informing the committee this is an initial review. Once the budget is approved, the actual contract will come to the committee for approval.

4. Educator Report

Educators submitted a written report that was included in the committee meeting packet. Ken Schroeder, Ag Agent shared an update on the nitrogen research plot in the Amherst area and the Farmer-Led Watershed grants.

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

5. Review/Approval of minutes from September 12, 2024.

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)
 - Request for special meeting attendance
 - Supervisors Miresse, Eggleston, and Schwartz requested to attend the Wisconsin Water & Soil Health Conference on December 17th and 18th in Wisconsin Dells.
 - Approval of attendance of special meetings
 - Special meeting attendance reports

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

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Community Centered Solar Development Engagement Project

Community Development Educator, Katie Livernash, presented the Community Centered Solar Development Engagement Project Report. A copy was provided in the meeting packet.

NEXT MEETING DATE

8. November 14, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm by Chair Miresse.