



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Thursday, May 8, 2025

4:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Agriculture and Extension Education Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Chair Miresse.

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

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

Attending Online: Mike Splinter

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Staff Attending: Patrick Gatterman, Katie Livernash, Denise Rocha, Amy Boelk, Sherry Daniels, Ken Schroeder

Others Attending: County Executive, John Pavelski

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

1. Review Vendor Invoice List

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

2. Area Extension Director Report

Patrick Gatterman, Area 7 Extension Director, attended the Ag & Extension meeting and spoke with Committee members providing information on the following;

- Ken Schroeder and Sherry Daniels retirement dates. Sherry's last day in the office will be May 16th. Ken's last day in the office will be June 27th.
- Current status of the AmeriCorps/Summer 4-H Intern and impact of AmeriCorps funding cuts.
- Annual Report for 2024 will be renamed Annual Update due to staff retirements.
- Due to a back log at the UW-Madison Soil Lab, homeowner soil samples will be sent to a different DATCP certified lab.

3. Educator Report

Educators present each gave a brief report on their program areas. Katie informed the committee of two upcoming events; the Portage County Safe Streets and Roads for All Walk & Roll Audits, and the Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference.

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 March 13, 2025.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, 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
- Approval of attendance of special meetings: Miresse - Farmers of Mill Creek Annual Meeting 2/24/2025
- Special meeting attendance reports

Chair Miresse provided the committee a report on his attendance at the Friends of Mill Creek Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Supervisor Eggleston, seconded by Supervisor Jacowski, to approve Chair Miresse's special meeting attendance at the Friends of Mill Creek Annual Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Schwartz, to approve any committee members who may wish to attend the Entrepreneurial Communities Conference, June 16 - 18, 2025 in Wisconsin Rapids. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE

6. June 12, 2025 5:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm by Chair Miresse.