



PORTAGE COUNTY

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1462 STRONGS AVENUE
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MEETING AGENDA

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 13, 2022

7:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

The Agriculture and Extension Education Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

Members Present: Matt Jacowski, Charles Gussel, Barry Jacowski, Daniel Martinson, Vincent Miresse

Attending In-Person: Matt Jacowski, Charles Gussel, Barry Jacowski, Daniel Martinson

Attending Online: Vincent Miresse

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Staff Attending: Jason Hausler, Ken Schroeder, Lisa Henriksen

Others Attending:

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 October 14, 2021.

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

REPORTS

2. Review Vendor Invoice List

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

3. Area Extension Director Report

Area Extension Director Jason Hausler provided the following report:

- WEXA Regional Meetings - WEXA (Wisconsin Extension Association) will be holding two regional meetings. Hausler invited the Committee members that are interested in the partnership between the University and the counties to attend.
- Area 7 FoodWise is now expanding to include Clark County. Counties served in Area 7 include Wood, Portage, Clark & Marathon Counties. Also looking at adding a Healthy Communities Coordinator to the Area 7 FoodWise team that will focus on policy, system and environmental changes.
- Update on Extension COVID-19 guidelines. As of the date of the meeting, COVID-19 policies have not been updated. Staff are encouraged to adapt their programming to be flexible to changing situations in the community.
- Changes in office space - UW-Madison Finance Specialist, Lisa Baxter, is now working out of the Portage County Extension Office. Also looking at possibly having a UW-Madison Program Manager for the Human Development & Relationships Institute work out of the Portage County Office as well.
- 2021 Annual Report - Hoping to have the 2021 Annual Report completed and to the Committee by April.

4. Educator Report

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

5. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Regarding Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance: Chair Jacowski approved any Committee members who wish to attend the WEXA Regional Meetings being held on January 27th and February 24th.
- Approval of attendance of special meetings: None
- Special meeting attendance reports: None

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Drainage District Commission Annual Recommendation Process

The committee tentatively scheduled the Drainage District interviews for March 9, 2022. Staff will move forward and place the Drainage District Commissioner position advertisement in the Stevens Point Journal.

CORRESPONDENCE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REMINDER

Vegetable Crop Regional Specialist position

NEXT MEETING DATE

7. February 10, 2022 7:00PM

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor B. Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Martinson, to adjourn. Motion to adjourn carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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Notice: A quorum of the Portage County Board of Supervisors, or any committee thereof, may be present at this meeting.