



PORTAGE COUNTY

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1462 STRONGS AVENUE
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MEETING AGENDA

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 8, 2022

7:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

The Agriculture and Extension Education Committee meeting was called to order at 7:09PM by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski.

Members Present: Matt Jacowski, Pat Keller, Steve Cieslewicz, David Peterson

Attending In-Person: Matt Jacowski, Pat Keller, Steve Cieslewicz, David Peterson

Attending Online:

Members Excused: Barry Jacowski

Members Absent:

Staff Attending: Jason Hausler, Nathan Sandwick, Lisa Henriksen, Denise Rocha

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 July 14, 2022.

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

REPORTS

2. Review Vendor Invoice List

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

3. Area Extension Director Report

Area Extension Director, Jason Hausler announced that he has accepted a new role in Extension as the Assistant Dean for the northern

region of the state. He will continue to serve as Area 7 AED until a replacement can be hired and will also be serving Area 7 in his new position as well. Hausler also reported that the office remodel is currently underway. UW-Madison Extension will be covering the cost to build three closed-door offices in what was previously cubical space. Lastly, Hausler reported Guolong Liang, Commercial Vegetable Agriculture Water Quality Outreach Specialist, has been invited to attend the October committee meeting to meet with committee members and discuss his work regarding water quality.

4. Educator Report

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

5. Preliminary Extension Contract & Budget

Hausler reported that Extension is projected to come in under budget for 2022 and presented the draft of the 2023 Extension budget. Changes to the 2023 budget include an additional \$7,000 for the Commercial Vegetable Agriculture Water Quality Outreach Specialist position, as well as a \$1,300 increase per co-funded educator position.

Hausler also presented the 2023 Extension contract. Changes in the contract for this year include the educator fee increase and additional wording to allow FoodWise staff and other fully funded state positions office space in the Portage County Extension offices. Previously, a separate contract was used to allow those positions office space in Portage County.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

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

- Request for special meeting attendance: None
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
 - M. Jacowski attended the Strategies for Land Stewardship Summit from June 20-22, 2022.
 - M. Jacowski and Peterson attended the Wisconsin Counties Association Groundwater Seminar on July 18, 2022.
 - M. Jacowski attended the Wisconsin Counties Association Agriculture, Environment and Land Use Steering Committee meeting on July 19, 2022.
 - M. Jacowski and Peterson attended the Wisconsin Counties Association/ Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin/Pheasants Forever/ Wisconsin Towns Association/ACE Twilight meeting on August 31, 2022.
- Special meeting attendance reports
 - Strategies for Land Stewardship Summit: M. Jacowski reported attending sessions where water quality issues affecting multiple states and conservation practices were discussed.
 - Wisconsin Counties Association Groundwater Seminar: M. Jacowski and Peterson reported attending the seminar to learn about groundwater issues in Kewaunee County and what they are doing to address those issues.
 - Wisconsin Counties Association Agriculture, Environment and Land Use Steering Committee: M. Jacowski reported attending and reviewing WCA Agriculture, Environment and Land Use conference resolutions.
 - WCA/PDPW/Pheasants Forever/ WTA/ACE Twilight meeting: M. Jacowski and Peterson reported attending the ACE Twilight meeting at JTP Farms in Dorchester. They had the opportunity for a farm tour and were able to network with others while discussing current issues affecting Portage County.

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

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Drainage District Commission Vacancy

Committee members discussed dates for interviews to fill the current drainage district commission vacancy. Tentative interviews are scheduled for October 27th. Staff will move forward in placing the advertisement for the Drainage District Commissioner position in the Stevens Point Journal.

CORRESPONDENCE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REMINDER

NEXT MEETING DATE

8. October 13, 2022 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Supervisor Peterson, seconded by Supervisor Cieslewicz, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

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