



PORTAGE COUNTY

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MEETING AGENDA

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 13, 2023

7:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

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

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

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

Attending Online: Steve Cieslewicz

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Staff Attending: Jeremy Solin, Lisa Henriksen

Others Attending: John Pavelski

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 March 9, 2023.

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

2. Review/ approval of minutes from March 27, 2023.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Keller, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

REPORTS

3. Review Vendor Invoice List

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

4. Area Extension Director Report

Area Extension Director, Jeremy Solin, reported the FoodWise Healthy Communities Coordinator position, previously held by Kelly Hammond, has been posted. Interviews are scheduled for mid-May with an anticipated start date of June.

5. Educator Report

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Discussion and 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: B. Jacowski & D. Peterson attendance for the Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo on March 22, 2023
- Special meeting attendance reports: B. Jacowski & Peterson reported attending the Central Wisconsin Farm Profitability Expo on March 22, 2023. Both reported they found the farmer-led panel discussions to be very worthwhile as well as the presentation by the Petenwell & Castle Rock Stewards.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Keller, to approve the special meeting attendance as presented. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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

A motion was made by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Peterson to forward the 3 candidates in rank order listed below to the Portage County Circuit Court Judges. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

1. Lance O'Brien
2. Justin Isherwood
3. Pete Arntsen

8. Discussion/Possible Action: Community Development Extension Educator Position Vacancy

Area Extension Director Solin asked for input to narrow the scope of the primary focus when posting for the vacant Community Development Extension educator position. The three primary areas of focus were economic development, placemaking, and infrastructure. Discussion followed. Solin proposed bringing a draft of the job description back to the Committee in May for the Committee to review and approve before posting. A motion was made by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski, to request the Committee submit the infrastructure area of focus, acknowledging that Portage County's largest economic factor is agriculture and asking for an additional focus on communicating Extension activities to the community. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

9. Discussion/Possible Action: Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program

Solin reported that after a discussion with the facilities director the timing for this round of funding does not work, but as building plans are further refined, this will be brought back up to apply for the grant.

CORRESPONDENCE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REMINDER

NEXT MEETING DATE

- 10.** May 11, 2023 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice-Chair M. Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor Peterson, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

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