



# PORTAGE COUNTY

## AGRICULTURE & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021  
6:30 PM

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### 1. REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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Due to COVID-19 and the potential risk to members of the public who attend meetings in-person, any person who plans to attend the meeting remotely, but wishes to comment on an agenda item can send their comments via email to [lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu](mailto:lisa.henriksen@wisc.edu). The deadline for sending comments by email is 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting. Emailed comments will be delivered to committee members at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Remote comment by the public during the meeting will be at the discretion of the Chair.

**Face coverings are required for in-person attendance unless an exemption applies.**

### 2. CALL TO ORDER (6:30 PM)

Members Present: ANDAY, B. JACOWSKI, C. GUSSEL, D. MARTINSON AND M. JACOWSKI

Staff Present: Sherry Daniels, Nathan Sandwick, Denise Rocha, Jason Hausler, Lisa Henriksen

Others Present: Supervisor Gerry Zastrow

### 3. 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.**

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 5. 21-2866 REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2021.

**Documents:** [1-14-21 AG & EXTENSION MINUTES - DRAFT.PDF](#)

A motion was made by Supervisor Anday, seconded by Supervisor D. Martinson, to approve. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### 6. REPORTS

#### 7. 21-2867 REVIEW VENDOR INVOICE LIST

**Documents:** [UWEXT VENDOR INVOICE LIST 01.31.21.PDF](#), [PCARD.PDF](#)

#### 8. 21-2868 AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT

**Documents:** [FEBRUARY 2021 AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT.PDF](#)

#### 9. 21-2869 EDUCATOR REPORT

**Documents:** [FEBRUARY 2021 AG & EXTENSION EDUCATOR REPORT.PDF](#)



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### 10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

#### 11. [21-2870](#) DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SPECIAL MEETINGS (PORTAGE COUNTY ORDINANCE 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETING ATTENDANCE
- APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS
- SPECIAL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS

- REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETING ATTENDANCE: None
- APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS: None
- SPECIAL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS: None

#### 12. [21-2871](#) DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMISSION ANNUAL APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION PROCESS

Interviews for the position were advertised in the Stevens Point Journal on January 18, 20 & 21, 2021 and an interview date of March 10, 2021 was tentatively scheduled. No applications have been received before the time of the meeting.

A motion was made by Chair M. Jacowski, seconded by Supervisor B. Jacowski, to hold the drainage district interviews in closed session. Supervisor Anday questioned if closed session interviews would violate open meeting law. Discussion followed. It was determined that the Committee's interpretation of state statute would allow for drainage district interviews to be held in closed session without violation of open meeting law. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Committee also reviewed the drainage district interview questions. A motion was made by Supervisor B. Jacowski, seconded by Vice-Chair Gussel, to approve the drainage district interview questions as presented. Supervisor Anday wanted to see changes to the last question. After discussion, Supervisor B. Jacowski and Vice-Chair Gussel withdrew their motion and second.

A motion was made by Supervisor B. Jacowski, seconded by Vice-Chair Gussel, to approve the drainage district interview questions with discussed changes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### 13. [21-2872](#) PORTAGE COUNTY SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Hausler led the committee members through a discussion to collect feedback on community needs of Portage County in an effort to better align programmatic staff to meet the needs of the County. Needs discussed included: mental health, broadband expansion, water quality, COVID Impacts, transportation/infrastructure, healthcare, homelessness/underhoused, and protecting the UW.

##### Documents:

[PORTAGE COUNTY SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS  
UPDATE.FEB2021.FINAL.PDF](#), [DEVELOPMENTAL SITUATIONAL  
ANALYSIS 2018 ISSUES \(1\).PDF](#)

### 14. CORRESPONDENCE

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15. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

16. **NEXT MEETING DATE: MARCH 11, 2021 7:00PM**

17. **ADJOURNMENT (7:34 PM)**

Motion made by Supervisor B. Jacowski and seconded by Vice-Chair Gussel to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

18. **NOTICES**

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