

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, June 15, 2023
James P. Coughlin Center - Volunteer Room
& Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Steve Binder, Tom Borchart, Doug Zellmer, and Kay Horan.

Members Absent: Karen D. Powers.

Extension Winnebago County Staff: Chris Viau, Dana Berger, Todd Wenzel, Katie Jaegly, and Amy Hendrickson.

Others Present: Mike Domke (Winnebago County Fair Association).

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by Steve Binder.

Comments from the Public Related to Items on the Agenda/Requests to Add Items to the Next Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Horan moved to approve the 5/18/2023 minutes, second by Zellmer. Motion carried 4-0.

Safety Share – Tom Borchart: None shared.

Committee Chair Report: Binder reminded everyone that fair tickets are on sale and available now.

Winnebago County Fair Association: Domke gave an overview of plans for the 2023 Winnebago County Fair. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the gate. There will be improved accessibility for participants via senior parking and handicap parking. They're exploring transportation options as well. Check out the Winnebago County Fair [website](#) or FaceBook [page](#) for more details on the schedule of events. Amber Hammond is Fairest of the Fair. Amanda Stone is Fairest of the Fair Attendant. The Executive's office requested some tickets be available at county departments for employees to purchase. August 4th will be Winnebago County Employee Night. Additional flyers and signs advertising the fair will be available at next week's County Board meeting. Domke brought some fair swag for meeting attendees. Domke and Berger are coordinating a billboard contest again this year. Committee members are invited to participate in the judging. Votes will be collected at the July Extension Committee meeting. Snider commended Domke and the rest of the fair board volunteers for the time and effort they invest into planning and running the fair. The fair board and 4-H Leader's Association are recruiting for volunteers to help with tear down and clean up after the fair. Binder and his wife will be superintendents at the fair this year.

UW Division of Extension Program or Educator Reports and Updates:

- **Human Development & Relationships** – Wenzel distributed various handouts highlighting programming he's been involved in. Rent Smart is being offered statewide (online) and at Oshkosh Corrections, Winnebago County Jail, Second Chance (Oshkosh Area School District), Nova Counseling, Pillars (Appleton), and COTS (Oshkosh). Wenzel will be part of the Rent Smart Train the Trainer is coming up in July. The Youth Forward Wisconsin Children's Savings Accounts program is gaining traction through education and research studies towards implementing the program in WI. The Reentry Ready series and additional resources have been developed and implemented for audiences impacted by the legal system. Wenzel invited any of the committee members to attend any of his programming at the prison. Horan expressed interest. Planning AHEAD is a program focused on how to prepare for end of life decisions; this program is being offered in July. Encouraging Financial Conversations teaches other professionals how to have financial conversations with their own participants. Wenzel has been coaching couples with the Strong Couples Project. He has also continued involvement with Focus on Fathers programming. Wenzel gave a brief review of the Wisconsin Statewide Fatherhood Needs Assessment. Wenzel highlighted other work he's been involved with.

Extension Administration and Department Reports – Chris Viau:

- **Facility Updates:** The reservation software the Parks Department uses and was attempting to set up for the JPCC meeting rooms will not be an effective or efficient option, and therefore will not be implemented. Alternate programs are being researched. Reservations through the google form will continue for now.
- **Staff and Department Updates:** Jaegly introduced herself to the committee. She has been completing onboarding tasks and orienting herself to the area and the position. Jaegly will be developing her plan of work for 2023-2024 and is open to feedback. Stephanie Bowers has been hired as the 4-county Regional Dairy Educator, starting July 17th. Winnebago County Extension has relaunched their monthly newsletter. Committee members are encouraged to review this newsletter for programming/events to highlight at upcoming county board meetings, to share with others, and to attend programming. Berger is coordinating with other depts. to

identify where the outdoor classroom will be built. A 4-H volunteer will provide free labor to build the run. Zillges has donated materials as. FoodWise has grant programs that will help with funding. Berger is hoping to have the classroom completed in time to introduce it at the pumpkin/sunflower growing contest on September 30th.

- **Area/Region/State Updates:** Budget processes for all three counties will soon be underway. The county budgets are expected to be impacted by changes with the state budget.

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Update: Horan reported feeling ill-equipped to participate in committee discussions thus far. A subcommittee has been formed to address “pain points” between counties and Extension. The office newsletter will assist with keeping informed on programming. Viau also shared a draft of Extension’s Strategic Plan to committee members for review and feedback. Horan summarized that the groups need to ensure communication from all sides.

Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion: Binder suggested announcing that fair tickets are available for sale. ChickQuest hatching will be timed out to happen at the fair. Borchart suggested announcing the Extension Winnebago County newsletter that will be going out to every supervisor.

Comments by Committee Members: Committee members were in support of rescheduling the basic tech session hosted by Mia before the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Next regular committee meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

Adjourned: Horan moved to adjourn at 10:27 a.m.; seconded by Borchart. Motion carried 4–0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Hendrickson