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Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 16, 2022
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin
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Area UW-Extension Director Christine Wen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present: Supervisors Brian Holt; Sheila T. Reiff; Rick Stacey; Citizen Members Kathleen Papcke and Jennifer Straus. Citizen Member Sharon Travis was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance
County Staff: Walworth County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; Area UW-Extension Director Christine Wen; FoodWIse Program Coordinator Lisa Krolow; 4-H Youth Development Educators Janel Heidelmeier and Debbie Harris; Horticulture Outreach Specialist Julie Hill; Regional Crop Educator Jordan Schurer; and FoodWIse Program Educator Madeline Foerster.

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Reiff, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Stacey, the March 14, 2022 Agriculture & Extension Education Committee meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

Special Order of Business
7a. Nomination and Election of Committee Chair of Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Wen announced that nominations for the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee Chairperson were open. **On motion by Supervisor Holt, second by Supervisor Reiff, Rick Stacey was nominated for Agriculture and Extension Education Committee Chair.** Wen asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, **Supervisor Holt offered a motion, second by Citizen Member Papcke, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Rick Stacey as Agriculture and Extension Education Committee Chair. Motion carried 5-0.**

7b. Nomination and Election of Committee Vice-Chair of Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Chair Stacey announced that nominations for the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee Vice-Chairperson were open. **On motion by Supervisor Reiff, second by Citizen Member Straus, Brian Holt was nominated for Agriculture and Extension Education Committee Vice-Chair.** Chair Stacey asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, **on motion and second by Citizen Member Papcke and Supervisor Reiff, nominations were closed. Motion carried 5-0. Chair Stacey called the vote for Brian Holt as Vice-Chair of Agriculture and Extension Education Committee. Motion carried 5-0.**

7c. Role of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Wen provided an overview of the information included in the meeting packet (Pages 4-17.)

New Business
8a. Recovery Grant Plan Financial Coaching/Economic Assistance (Walworth County Financial Futures Incentive Program)
County Administrator Mark W. Luberda distributed his Memorandum that was included in the Finance Committee Packet, and provided explanation of the Recovery Grant Plan Financial Coaching/Economic Assistance program. Luberda noted that the intent is to increase participation in these already established programs through economic incentives. Luberda stated that individuals will receive $400 for completion of the program and an additional $100 to participate in follow up sessions held 1-2 months after completion. Luberda reiterated that $90,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding was appropriated for the 2022 budget, but the details surrounding the dollars were vague. He is looking for a recommendation from this Committee to the Finance Committee, assuming members agree the program detail matches the purpose as presented in the original appropriation. **Citizen Member Papcke offered a motion, second by**

Vice-Chair Holt, to approve recommending the Recovery Grant Plan Financial Coaching/Economic Assistance (Walworth County Financial Futures Incentive Program) to the Finance Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

8b. Introduction of Jordan Schuler, Regional Crop Educator
Wen introduced Regional Crop Educator Jordan Schuler and provided background relative to the Regional Crop Educator position. Schuler briefly described her schooling, previous experience, and current projects.

8c. Announcement of Susan Clark Retirement
Wen invited the Committee to attend the retirement celebration being held on June 2.

Reports
9a. 4-H and Youth Development Program Report
4-H Youth Development Coordinator Janel Heidelmeier shared a brief overview of the Extension Walworth County April 2022 Highlights – Youth Development (Pages 35-37); and explained upcoming distance learning opportunities. Citizen Member Papcke requested pollinator information be shared with the Walworth County Bee Keepers.

4-H Youth Development Educator Debbie Harris shared that her area of focus is expanding access through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and Agriculture. Harris stated she provides general 4-H program support; including enrollment and new family support, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) oversight, and assistance with record keeping and awards within the program.

9b. Horticulture Outreach Specialist Report
Horticulture Outreach Specialist Julie Hill gave a brief overview of the Extension Walworth County April 2022 Highlights - Horticulture included in the packet (Pages 43-46.)

9c. FoodWIse Program Coordinator Report
FoodWIse Program Coordinator Lisa Krolow explained the FoodWIse program and shared details regarding current lessons and local partnerships (Pages 47-49.)

Reports/announcements by Chairperson – There were none.

Confirmation of next meeting date and time: The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, July 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Vice-Chair Holt and Supervisor Reiff, Chair Holt adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Submitted by Jennifer Stinnett, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes were approved by the Agriculture & Extension Education Committee at the October 17, 2022 meeting.