

MINUTES
Ashland County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Meeting Monday, June 5, 2023 9:00am
Ashland County Courthouse, Room 204

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Schutte at 9:00AM. Blake Frost took roll call of members.

Members Present: George Bussey (virtual), Matt MacKenzie (9:06), George Mika, Kathy Schutte, Patrick Kinney, Brett Martinsen

Others Present: Blake Frost, Mary Pardee, Dan Grady (9:55), Marisa Perlberg, Kate Wallner, Lissa Radke, Stephanie Bakker, Heidi Ungrodt

2. Introductions/Welcome to Brett Martinsen

3. Approval of Agenda

Mika moved to approve the agenda. Martinsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments - no public comments

5. Approval of Minutes from April 3, 2023 Meeting

Mika moved to approve minutes. Kinney seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Item: Relationship between Ashland County, County Fair, Extension (Extension guidelines in packet)

Pardee reviewed the information provided by Extension regarding what is, and is not, considered an appropriate role for Extension staff to engage in at county fairs, emphasizing educational roles over service roles. This information has also been provided through the Wisconsin Association of Fairs.

7. Area Extension Director Report- Mary Pardee

Successful Area 1 Meeting, with several committee members and the county board chair joining the event for lunch; Annual Report by the next Ag & Extension Meeting; 2024 Budget Request due early August and will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

8. Education Highlights

Written report of educational highlights included in packet. Educators present gave brief highlights and led discussions. Discussion from committee included: "Fruit for Drugs" at CleanSweep instead of "Donuts for Drugs"; reasons for young people leaving the county; EV use barriers; post offices as sites for EV charging stations; electric services on EV workgroup; financial literacy; blood pressure clinic at the fair; BART and the fair.

9. County Fair Update - Kathy Schutte

Request from Schutte to add Brett Martinsen to this topic on future agendas. Schutte reported new picnic tables and investments in grounds. Fair is taking place August 17-20. There will be a county supervisor horseshoe pitch.

10. Other business & Future Agenda Items:

a. Spectrum of cross-cultural interaction programs and role of Extension in that dimension (Bussey)

b. Meeting schedule re-visit - quarterly meeting instead of 6 times a year, or meet when there are voting items (Mackenzie)

c. Teen Court/Youth on county board and Extension Committee (Mika)

11. Next Meeting

Monday August 7, 2023 at 9:00AM in the County Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM

Respectfully submitted by Blake Frost and Mary Pardee