

MINUTES
Ashland County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2024 9:00am
Ashland County Courthouse, Room 204

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Members Present: George Bussey, George Mika, Kathy Schutte (via Zoom), Patrick Kinney, Matt MacKenzie (arrived 9:03), Brett Martinsen (arrived 9:14)

Members Excused: N/A

Others Present: Richard Pufall, Blake Frost, Mary Pardee, Lissa Radke, Stephanie Bakker, Heidi Ungrodt, Marisa Perlberg

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Public Comments – No public comments

4. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2023 Meeting

Mika moved to approve minutes. Schutte seconded. Kinney and Bussey abstained, citing not having time to read minutes before approving, due to them not being posted properly online. Motion passed.

5. Area Extension Director Report- Mary Pardee

- The Extension Northwoods Forum is being planned for May 7 in Lac Du Flambeau. All committee members will receive invitations via email. Pardee is on the planning committee.
- Conducting Annual Reviews for educators and staff, contact Pardee with input.
- Staff update: Marisa Perlberg has moved from FoodWise Educator to Healthy Communities Coordinator. Hiring process for the next FoodWise Educator will begin soon.

6. Education Highlights

Written report of educational highlights included in packet. Educators present gave brief highlights and led discussions. Discussion from committee included: community garden space across the county, utilizing the Morse Town Hall for Heidi's Families & Finance Aging Mastery Program, utilizing BART in Marisa's Healthy Communities Coordinator role.

7. County Fair Update – Kathy Schutte / Brett Martinsen

Schutte reported she will not be running for reelection after serving on the County Board for 10 years. She will therefore not continue with being a county board liaison to the fair. Martinsen reported the annual meeting in January was fruitful in planning and he needs to connect with Kate Wallner about how the Fair can help 4-H.

8. Future Agenda Items

Connecting people, food, and transportation via BART (MacKenzie); Xcel Energy land for community garden (Kinney); role of Extension in Ashland County Comprehensive Plan (Bussey)

9. Next Meeting - Monday April 1, 2024 at 9:00AM in Room 204

10. Meeting adjourned at 9:42AM

A public access period will follow at the conclusion of the meeting. A quorum may be present, however, no business will be conducted.

No discussion at this time.

Respectfully submitted by Blake Frost and Mary Pardee