



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**UW EDUCATION, EXTENSION & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

A. Call to Order

Members present: Steve Binder, Amber Gilbertson, Doug Zellmer, and Tim Macho.

Extension Winnebago County staff present: Jayna Hintz, Katie Jaegly, and Amy Hendrickson.

Others present: MaryBeth Matzek and JW (via Zoom).

Meeting called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Binder.

B. Comments from the Public Related to Items on the Agenda/Requests to Add Items to the Next Agenda

None.

C. Approval of Minutes

1. January 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Zellmer, seconded by Gilbertson to approve the January 21, 2026 meeting minutes.

Passed. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

D. Committee Chair's Report

Binder expressed appreciation to Hintz for serving as Interim Area Extension Director.

E. Reports and Updates

1. Safety Share

Zellmer discussed yardwork safety, particularly involving equipment and ladders. Binder added a reminder to use proper eye protection.

2. UW Division of Extension Program or Educator Reports and Updates

• January 2026 Extension Winnebago County Review

Committee members commended the report and newsletter.

• Health & Well-Being - Katie Jaegly

Jaegly is moving towards a behavioral health focus as Christi Gabrilska focuses on healthy eating, both as Health & Well-Being educators. Jaegly works with the Breakwater Coalition, serving on their steering team, youth advisory team, and co-facilitating groups at Bell Phillips and the Boys & Girls Club in Oshkosh. Several members of the coalition team recently accepted CADCA's Major General Arthur T Dean award at the Annual National Leadership Forum in Washington D.C. The team visited Senator Baldwin's and Senator Johnson's offices and presented information about Breakwater. 2019-2023 data shows decreases in substance use among Oshkosh high school students. StrongBodies, WeCOPE, Real Colors, Block Party, and Mental Health First Aid events are scheduled/underway. WI Idea Week is coming

up, with the community fair event on April 9th. Committee members are encouraged to attend the week's events. Jaegly also encouraged committee members to attend the We Heart You event in our community on March 4th from 10am-3pm at the UWO Culver Center. We Heart You has an app for mental health and substance use resources as well. Binder inquired about HWB programming at the Tiny House Village. Jaegly will reach out. Discussion ensued.

3. UW Division of Extension Department Administrative Report

- James P. Coughlin Center Facilities Updates

No updates. We have not yet heard back from the Department of Administration regarding JPCC Meeting Room Policies updates.

- Extension Winnebago County Staff, Department, & Budget Updates

Our department will be providing a monthly budget update for the committee. Hintz briefly reviewed the preliminary 2025 Year-End budget report and the January 2026 budget report.

- UW-Madison Division of Extension Area/Region/State Updates

Liliana Ramirez-Gonzalez has been hired as the Area 10 Extension Director for Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties. Hintz will be her mentor and assist with the transition.

4. Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion

Gillbertson will share about the Breakwater Coalition.

F. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. UWO Fox Cities Closure Updates/Discussion

Faith Technologies will not be pursuing the purchase of the UWO Fox Cities campus.

2. Committee Support for Hiring Regional Dairy Educator Position Discussion

Stephanie Bowers recently resigned from her Regional Dairy Educator position. Discussion ensued. Committee members all expressed their support to fill the position.

G. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Zellmer expressed his appreciation for Jaegly's work.

H. Next Meeting Date

1. March 18, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Confirmed.

I. Adjourn

Binder entertained a motion to adjourn at 10:16 a.m.; Zellmer moved and Gilbertson seconded.

Passed. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

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