



**UW EDUCATION, EXTENSION & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026**

A. Call to Order

Members present: Lucas Reinke, Krisl Laux, Amber Lyn Gilbertson, Tim Macho, and Tanya Keech.

Extension Winnebago County staff present: Liliana Ramirez, Kevin Jarek, Robin Franitza, Ashley Rolph, Sarah Thompson, Mia Ljung, Dana Berger, Katie Jaegly, Christi Gabrilska, Todd Wenzel, and Amy Hendrickson.

Others present: Frank Frassetto (via Teams).

Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Reinke.

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. April 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Reinke, seconded by Gilbertson to approve the April 15, 2026 meeting minutes.
Passed. Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 2.*

D. Committee Chair's Report

Reinke introduced himself and welcomed the committee members and attendees.

E. Reports and Updates

1. Safety Share

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Gilbertson shared suicide trends and statistics. In 2024, 920 individuals were lost to suicide in Wisconsin. Reinke highlighted 2-1-1 as a resource for those who are struggling.

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

Committee members introduced themselves. Ramirez shared the Extension in Winnebago County 2026 presentation. Extension Winnebago County staff introduced themselves and shared highlights of their programming. Amy Hendrickson is the Administrative Associate focusing on finances, operations, and Human Development & Relationships program support. Ashley Rolph is the Administrative Associate focusing on 4-H, AG, and Horticulture program support. Robin Franitza is the Administrative Associate focusing on Community Development and Health & Well-Being program support and marketing. Katie Jaegly is the Health & Well-Being educator focusing on mental and behavioral health. Christi Gabrilska is the Health & Well-Being Educator focusing on food security and nutrition, split 50/50 between Winnebago and Waupaca counties. Kevin Jarek is the Regional Crops & Soils Educator focusing on forage production and management. Ramirez highlighted Jacob Kluza's programming as the Horticulture Educator focusing on environment and gardening. Todd Wenzel is the Human Development & Relationships Educator focusing on parenting, lifespan, and finances. Mia

Ljung is the Community Development Educator focusing on community economic, organizational, and leadership development. Dana Berger is the 4-H Program Educator overseeing 4-H programming, volunteers, and leadership training. Sarah Thompson is the Youth & Science Educator focusing on science, technology, and ChickQuest programming within the schools and outreach. Reinke expressed his excitement to learn more about Extension and the ways Extension programming already impacts lives.

- 2025 Annual Report

Ramirez encouraged committee members to review the impact reports and reach out to educators with any questions or requests to attend programming.

- April 2026 Extension Winnebago County Review

Hendrickson explained that the committee will receive monthly reviews highlighting recent Extension Winnebago County activities for the committee meetings.

3. UW Division of Extension Department Administrative Report

- James P. Coughlin Center Facilities Updates

None shared.

- Extension Winnebago County Staff, Department, & Budget Updates

The department is preparing their 2027 budget request. Hiring is underway for the Regional Dairy Educator position serving Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, and Winnebago counties. More details will be shared soon. Ramirez called attention to the budget report for review.

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

Area Extension Directors will attend the Annual Alignment Support for Extension Teams training in Madison next week to collaborate on shared leadership and support for educators.

4. Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion

Berger suggested 4-H Summer Fun Days. Gabrielska suggested the Summer Garden Program through the Oshkosh Recreation Department at the Extension Outdoor Learning Center. The Outdoor Learning Center developed as a collaboration between educators to provide various horticulture, mindfulness, and nutrition education. Produce from the garden is donated to local food pantries. Ljung recommended registering for the In Pursuit of Place Summit.

F. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

None.

G. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Committee members expressed their appreciation for the introductions and overview of Extension Winnebago County programming.

H. Next Meeting Date

1. June 17, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Confirmed.

I. Adjourn

Reinke entertained a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.; Laux moved and Gilbertson seconded. Passed. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

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