



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**UW EDUCATION, EXTENSION & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025**

A. Call to Order

Members Present: Steve Binder, Tim Macho, and Doug Zellmer.

Members absent: Amber Gilbertson and Walt Ulbricht.

Extension Winnebago County Staff Present: Chris Viau, Jacob Kluza, Katie Jaegly, and Amy Hendrickson.

Others Present: None.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 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. December 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Zellmer, seconded by Macho to approve the December 18, 2024 meeting minutes.

Passed. Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0.

D. Committee Chair's Report

Binder wished everyone a Happy New Year and success with resolutions.

E. Reports and Updates

1. Safety Share

Zellmer reviewed driving in winter road conditions. Drive at appropriate speeds, avoid cruise control, and give enough space between your vehicle and others. Carry emergency essentials in your vehicle: shovel, ice scraper, sand/litter, tow strap, blankets, water, snacks, etc.

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

- December 2024/January 2025 Extension Winnebago County Review

Viau called attention to the monthly review document for completed and in-progress programming. The monthly e-newsletter goes out later today for upcoming programming.

- Health & Well-being and Food Mapping- Katie Jaegly

Jaegly reviewed the Taking Action to Address Substance Use in Communities document. The front page reviews the TASC program designed to guide community-based drug coalitions through the process of mapping their recovery system. The back page reviews the timeline for

the mapping process. A collaborative effort to conduct a food system mapping project is underway. The project will examine food security, nutrition, and access for community residents. There will be a food mapping meeting on January 29th. They anticipate having a map to share by April/May. The mapping project is part of Winnebago County's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

- Horticulture - Jacob Kluza

Kluza's educational programming has focused on plants and basic science. One of his priorities is therapeutic horticulture. He's conducted classes at Parkview Health Center and is collaborating with the Master Gardeners. Kluza provides education on fertilizers and treatments within the scope of pollution and the environment. He is collaborating with Mia Ljung to conduct multi-county food mapping to include CSAs, farm stands, farmers markets, and other basic food access points. Kluza has been working with the Town of Clayton to provide education and planning regarding Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. Kluza is working with the Sustainability Council to expand their recommendations of native plants within landscaping ordinances. Horticulture's plan of work this year is focusing on understanding climate change and how to garden through that. Kluza is leading a state horticulture work group for climate change; he is representing UW-Madison at a national level through Wisconsin's Institute for Climate Change Impacts. Kluza will attend upcoming expos for networking and presenting. Kluza is collaborating with Olivia from the Oshkosh DNR center to plant 1,000 trees in urban Oshkosh over the next 10 years as part of the Trillion Trees Project. Binder inquired about plants to grow across the Winnebago County Parks arch. Discussion ensued. Kluza offered to assist the Parks department in providing recommendations on plants and training seasonal workers on landscaping care.

3. UW Division of Extension Department Administrative Report

- James P. Coughlin Center Facility Updates

Viau gave an overview on JPCC meeting room usage. In 2023, there were 853 reservations with 144 cancelations for 709 events hosted with close to 13,000 individuals in attendance. In 2024, there were 871 reservations with 156 cancelations for 715 events hosted, with just over 11,500 individuals in attendance. Additional reports are expected to be available through the new system as data is collected.

- Extension Winnebago County Staff & Department Updates

Viau reviewed preliminary 2024 budget results. The UW-Extension department will be coming in under budget. A carryover request was submitted for \$1,972 for 4-H funds that run a different fiscal/programming year. Viau distributed flyers for the upcoming Wisconsin Idea Week event April 7 - 11, 2025. One flyer shows the schedule of events for each day. The second flyer promotes a Hygiene Drive event that culminates at the end of Wisconsin Idea Week. Discussion ensued regarding the events.

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

None discussed.

4. Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion

It was recommended to share about Wisconsin Idea Week. Hendrickson will upload the flyers into this meeting's files following the meeting.

F. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. UWO Fox Cities Closure Updates/Discussion

No details can be shared yet from the recent closed session meeting. A plan is developing.

G. Communications Shared by Committee Members

None.

H. Next Meeting Date

1. February 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Confirmed.

I. Adjourn

Binder entertained a motion to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. Motion by Macho, seconded by Zellmer. Passed. Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0.