



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**UW EDUCATION, EXTENSION & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025**

A. Call to Order

Members Present: Steve Binder, Amber Lyn Gilbertson, Walt Ulbricht, Doug Zellmer, and Tim Macho (via Zoom).

Extension Winnebago County Staff Present: Chris Viau, Katie Jaegly, Mia Ljung, and Amy Hendrickson.

Others Present: None.

Meeting called to order at 9:03 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. March 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Zellmer, seconded by Ulbricht to approve the March 19, 2025 meeting minutes.

Passed. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

D. Committee Chair's Report

Gordon Hintz will be sworn in as County Executive today and will meet with dept. heads next week.

E. Reports and Updates

1. Safety Share

Zellmer discussed safety while shopping rummage sales. Shoppers should exercise caution to avoid damaged goods, safety hazards, harmful bacteria, insects, and allergens.

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

- March 2025 Extension Winnebago County Review

No questions regarding the newsletter or review document.

- Health & Well-Being - Katie Jaegly

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training sessions for Winnebago County employees start April 29th. Future sessions will be available for community organizations, schools, and individuals. Ulbricht requested the committee be invited to MHFA. Gilbertson requested autism organizations be offered MHFA. Overdose Awareness Kits containing NARCAN and other resources have been installed in Oshkosh middle schools and high schools. Jaegly reviewed WI Idea Week. Educators held programs throughout the week. Thursday hosted a partner fair

with 20+ community partners advertising their services and featured the BadgerTalk, *How Wisconsin Became the Cheese State*. Discussion ensued regarding food security.

- Community Development - Mia Ljung

Ljung and Jacob Kluza are collaborating to map all community gardens in Outagamie and Winnebago counties. Contact Amy Beck at the Extension Outagamie County office for any additions or edits to the map. Ulbricht inquired about the UWO Fox Cities garden; Ljung will coordinate with Ulbricht for updates. The team is developing this resource to be more user-friendly and to help establish new gardens via best practices and resources. Ljung is working with North East Wisconsin Hmong Professionals to assist food entrepreneurs. Plain Language workshops are ongoing; a workshop can be facilitated for the committee. Ljung assisted with the Food Truck and Catering Workshop in Appleton last weekend. Ljung, Jaegly, and Viau are collaborating with several other Winnebago County employees to offer Real Colors sessions to county staff. Binder requested committee members be invited to upcoming sessions.

3. UW Division of Extension Department Administrative Report

- James P. Coughlin Center Facility Updates

Meeting rooms at the JPCC continue to be in high demand.

- Extension Winnebago County Staff & Department Updates

Several staff attended the Wisconsin Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) conference. Ljung received a mid-career award. The Outdoor Classroom team received recognition and a monetary award. Arianna Buehring will return this summer to focus on existing 4-H programming. Megan Numrich will return this summer to focus on 4-H outreach.

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

None shared.

4. Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion

Gilbertson reminded everyone that next month is Mental Health Awareness month. Viau suggested connecting with Jaegly for resources to share at the next county board meeting.

F. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. UWO Fox Cities Closure Updates/Discussion

Winnebago County approved taking ownership of the campus in exchange for the Appleton History Museum acquiring the Weis Earth Science Museum. The Outagamie County Board and the Board of Regents will vote in the upcoming weeks. A new committee will be needed to coordinate the 2026 Winnebago County Scholarship due to the closure of the campus. Discussion ensued regarding Extension Winnebago County staff capacity to get involved. Viau and Hendrickson will add this discussion topic to the next staff meeting agenda.

G. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Binder requested Hintz be added to mailing lists and be introduced to the dept. and programming.

H. Next Meeting Date

1. May 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
Confirmed.

I. Adjourn

*Binder entertained a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Motion by Zellmer, seconded by Gilbertson.
Passed. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.*

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