



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**UW EDUCATION, EXTENSION & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024**

A. Call to Order

Members Present: Steve Binder, Doug Zellmer, Tim Macho, and Walt Ulbricht. Amber Lyn Gilbertson joined after approval of minutes.

Members Absent: None.

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

Others Present: Mike Domke (Winnebago County Fair Association President).

Meeting called to order at 9:02 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. May 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Zellmer, seconded by Ulbricht to approve the May 17, 2024 meeting minutes.

Passed. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0 (Gilbertson not yet present to vote).

D. Safety Share

Zellmer reminded everyone to be aware of farm equipment traveling on public roadways. He provided some statistics on related accidents. Be careful, and give farm vehicles space and time.

E. Committee Chair's Report

Binder thanked Domke for the time and effort dedicated to the Winnebago County Fair. Binder reviewed the history of dedication displayed by the Winnebago County Fair Association. The county board budgeted \$100,000 for the fair this year. One goal was to keep ticket prices affordable for families. Our fair is the only one in the state that includes carnival rides and grandstand shows within the cost of the ticket.

F. Winnebago County Fair Association Updates

The Winnebago County Fair Association currently consists of 15 members out of 19 seats. DATCAP provides some funding, dependent on adherence to rules and regulations. Yard signs and fliers promoting the fair are available at the James P. Coughlin Center for pick-up. Domke highlighted some of the entertainment scheduled for this year's fair. Some funds go back to the community groups that provide their time and services for the fair. Tuesday night before the fair starts is a free movie night for exhibitors and the public. Entry before 9:00am is free to walk the grounds; rides and shows still require a ticket. Committee members are welcome to attend the Winnebago County Fair Association meetings. The July meeting will be rescheduled for earlier in the month to not conflict with fair set-up. Committee members shared fond memories from past fairs.

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

Viau introduced new Extension Winnebago County Horticulture Educator, Jacob Kluza. Kluza gave a brief introduction of his work history and expertise.

1. June 2024 Extension Winnebago County Review
The June 2024 Extension Winnebago County Review document was provided in the meeting packet.
2. Health & Well-Being - Jaegly
Jaegly introduced herself to the new committee members. Health & Well-Being consists of healthy eating, active living, and mental health programming that serves all ages, from youth through seniors. She does some direct-education with the Boys & Girls Club and schools. StrongBodies is a strength training program for seniors held twice a week at Marian Manor. Jaegly serves on the Breakwater Coalition, focusing on substance-use prevention; she will be co-facilitating the Substance-Free Futures Youth Group pilot program. WeCope (Connecting with Our Positive Emotions) has a new partnership with NOVA Oshkosh to provide programming for 6 weeks on a rolling basis. Jaegly has 2 new programs launching soon: QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) teaches the warning signs of suicidality and how to respond; Mental Health First Aid is geared more towards mental health and substance-use disorders. In Winnebago County, depression and anxiety are prevalent: 1 in 4 adults have been diagnosed with depression. Winnebago County also has a significant opioid epidemic. Overdose fatality reports show a 32% increase in overdose deaths over the last 10 years; more than half coincided with a known mental health disorder. There are 4.3 poor mental health days per month reported for each adult in Winnebago County on average. 40% of youth have tried alcohol, and 90% of their alcohol consumption is binged. Mental health challenges and substance use are statistically linked. Jaegly distributed QPR booklets for review. Discussion ensued regarding suicide warning signs. Kluza inquired whether there is a plan to provide QPR training to the county board and staff. Jaegly is hoping to collaborate with Mental First Aid training to include QPR training once her training is complete. Jaegly read an excerpt from Substance-Free Futures group youth member, Lucy.

H. Extension Admin and Department Report

1. Facility Updates
None shared.
2. Staff & Department Updates
Viau highlighted Kluza's distributed pins he created as his business cards. Arianna Buehring has joined the team as a summer 4-H Program Assistant. The office is currently a staging area for 4-H Summer Camp, scheduled for later this month. Viau distributed a 1st quarter financial report for Extension Winnebago County. Viau is developing a method to show the financial value of services from UW that does not directly reflect as revenue in the county budget. Brief review and explanation of budget categories ensued. He noted a contracted services flat fee increase to cover state staff pay increases.
3. Area/Region/State Updates
Viau briefly discussed the recent communication shared by the Wisconsin Counties Association in regard to the partnership with UW-Madison Division of Extension. The attached documents shared in that communication are not representative of UW-Madison Division of Extension's views and do not contain any input or feedback from Extension.

I. Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion

Viau referred back to the e-newsletter shared by Extension Winnebago County on June 17th. Jaegly highlighted available StrongBodies classes. Hendrickson highlighted various online parenting programs with new summer/fall schedules: Focus on Fathers, Rent Smart, Raising WI's Children, and Resilient Co-Parenting.

J. Communications Shared by Committee Members

None discussed.

K. Committee Meeting Schedule

The August meeting date will be discussed at the July meeting.

L. Next Meeting Date

1. July 18, 2024

July 18th at 9:00am confirmed. Macho will be out of state for this date.

M. Adjourn

Motion by Zellmer, seconded by Gilbertson to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Passed. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.