



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**UW EDUCATION, EXTENSION & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024**

A. Call to Order

Members Present: Steve Binder, Walt Ulbricht, Doug Zellmer, and Amber Lyn Gilbertson.

Members Absent: Tim Macho.

Extension Winnebago County Staff Present: Chris Viau, Kris Soper, Christi Gabriliska, Dana Berger, Arianna Buehring, and Amy Hendrickson.

Others Present: None.

Meeting called to order at 9:01 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. June 20, 2024

Motion by Zellmer, seconded by Ulbricht to approve the June 20, 2024 meeting minutes.

Passed. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

D. Safety Share

Zellmer discussed fender benders. Parking lots are the most common location for fender benders. 77% of vehicular accidents happen within 10 miles from home. 1 in 5 crashes occur in parking lots. Stay alert when in parking lots and when backing up.

E. Committee Chair's Report

Binder advised committee members that they have to opt in with Julie Barthels at the County Clerk's office if they'd like to receive hard copies of the meeting materials.

F. Winnebago County Fair 4-H Billboard Judging

Berger distributed a packet containing the Winnebago County Fair 4-H billboard contest submissions. Attendees are requested to review the submissions and vote before the end of the committee meeting. Berger will collect the packets to tally votes at the conclusion of the meeting.

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

1. July 2024 Extension Winnebago County Review

Viau highlighted the Plain Language course offered by Mia Ljung. The Outdoor Classroom project coordinated by 4-H, FoodWise, and Horticulture was also highlighted.

2. FoodWise & Outdoor Classroom – Kris Soper

Soper coordinated with the Oshkosh Public Library and Oshkosh Boys & Girls Club to provide 6 weeks of lessons at Extension Winnebago County's Outdoor Classroom. The lessons are a

coordinated effort between FoodWise and Horticulture education. Soper and Jacob Kluza (Horticulture Educator) provide the same programming at Casa Esther in Omro. Attendance has been high. Produce from the Outdoor Classroom is donated to the Oshkosh Warming Shelter. She will begin cooking lessons at the warming shelter today. Soper is providing tours at the Oshkosh Farmer's Market to provide nutrition education and \$10 tokens for participants to spend at the market. Soper does programming at the Neenah-Menasha Boys & Girls Club and locations in other counties as well. Ulbricht inquired about media coverage. Soper is coordinating with someone to submit photos and information to the Oshkosh Herald to showcase the Outdoor Classroom.

H. Extension Admin and Department Report

1. Facility Updates

The Outdoor Classroom is up and running. JPCC meeting rooms are consistently busy. Office spaces are filled and functioning as needed. Binder requested Extension coordinate with other departments to get the public parking lot lines remarked.

2. Staff & Department Updates

Viau and Hendrickson are finalizing entry of the department's 2025 budget request. Viau noted the committee will see a slight increase in contracted services due to staff wage increases. The travel budget will also look different from in previous years based on trends after the pandemic. Printing & Duplicating will also reflect increased hard copy materials for programming.

3. Area/Region/State Updates

Viau's supervisor, Catherine Neiswender, is retiring from her position as the Southern Areas Assistant dean. Ulbricht invited Viau to attend the Board of Trustees meeting on July 29th at 1:00pm to learn more about the closure of UW Fox Valley in Menasha. Information will also be presented regarding the Barlow Planetarium and Weis Earth Science Museum. Binder and Ulbricht are on the board. Ulbricht shared his ideas for utilizing the campus after closure. Binder advised on the financial costs of maintaining the campus.

I. Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion

The Extension Winnebago County e-newsletter went out on Monday. Viau suggested highlighting the Money Matters program. Ulbricht agreed to highlight Money Matters at the August Winnebago County Board Meeting.

J. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Ulbricht requested an item go on the next agenda to discuss Extension's possible involvement with the UW Fox Valley campus after closure. Viau and Ulbricht will coordinate a meeting to discuss further. Zellmer inquired about fair entry trends for Winnebago County compared to the rest of the state. Discussion ensued regarding 4-H fundraising income raised at the fair.

K. Committee Meeting Schedule

Committee members confirmed the date and time for the next committee meeting.

L. Next Meeting Date

1. August 15, 2024

August 15th at 9:00am confirmed.

M. Adjourn

Binder entertained a motion to adjourn at 9:46 a.m., seconded by Gilbertson. Passed. Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.