



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**UW EDUCATION, EXTENSION & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

A. Call to Order

Members Present: Steve Binder (via Zoom), Doug Zellmer, Amber Lyn Gilbertson, Tim Macho, and Walt Ulbricht. No members absent.

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

Others Present: Clairellyn Sommersmith (Winnefox Library System), Anna Dinkel (Carter Memorial Library - Omro), Nicole Hardina-Wilhelm (Neenah Public Library), Amanda O'Neal (Winneconne Public Library), and Brian Kopetsky (Elisha D. Smith Public Library - Menasha).

Meeting called to order at 8:59 a.m. by Zellmer.

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. August 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Macho, seconded by Ulbricht to approve the August 15, 2024 meeting minutes.

Passed. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

D. Safety Share

Zellmer discussed safety regarding wasps. Wasps tend to be aggressive. Stings can cause allergic reactions in some people. Wasps attack honeybees. Nests are commonly found near buildings. Bug zappers and professional exterminators are suggested for management and removal.

E. Committee Chair's Report

No report shared.

F. UW Fox Valley Closure Updates/Discussion

Ulbricht invited everyone to the next meeting at 1:00pm on September 23 at UW Fox Valley campus room #1553. Professional appraisal of the property is forthcoming.

G. Winnefox Library System 5-Year Agreement

Sommersmith gave a brief review of the Winnefox Library System's partnership with Winnebago County. Sommersmith reviewed the draft Winnefox Library System 5-Year Agreement for 2025-2029, distributed by Hendrickson. The agreement includes details regarding funding, long-range plans for services, and specific goals/priorities for the next 5 years. The County Executive has reviewed the draft; it will go to Corp. Council after this meeting. No changes were suggested.

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

1. September 2024 Extension Winnebago County Review
Viau directed committee members to review the document for monthly updates in addition to in-person presentations. Feedback is welcome regarding the new format.
2. Health & Well-Being - Katie Jaegly
WeCOPE and StrongBodies classes are ongoing. Collaborations with Breakwater Coalition (substance use prevention) and Substance-Free Futures (youth substance use prevention) continue. The youth group released their first podcast, available on breakwaterwi.org. Jaegly completed Real Colors facilitator training. Jaegly presented home food preservation sessions at the WAHCE Conference. October 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week, dedicated to substance-use prevention initiatives. Jaegly invited suggestions for events. Discussion ensued.
3. Community Development - Mia Ljung
Ljung promoted the November Introduction to Plain Language Workshop. The Fast Pitch business competition will take place during Startup Wisconsin Week, ending in a New North regional pitch competition in Green Bay. Ljung is recruiting judges for the event. She invited committee members to attend. Recruitment is underway for the Elevando leadership development program fall cohort. Entrepreneur of Color Spotlight replays are available online.

I. Extension Admin and Department Report

1. Facility Updates
2025 JPCC meeting room reservations will be through CivicRec, part of the CivicPlus suite used by the county for meeting prep and used by the Parks Dept. Extension is managing the transition; policies and procedures may be updated. Parking lot lines have been re-stripped.
2. Staff & Department Updates
Todd Wenzel is presenting on the Reentry Ready program at the NEAFCS Conference in Tuscon, AZ. Kris Soper received a career award for 25 years of service with FoodWise. Extension Winnebago County's 2025 budget proposal will be shared at the October meeting.
3. Area/Region/State Updates
Staff are highly encouraged to attend Extension's All-Colleague Conference in Madison November 19-21 for professional development. Office closures may occur. The November committee meeting date may be affected. Discussion will ensue at the October meeting.

J. Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion

Gilbertson will promote the Introduction to Plain Language workshop at the next board meeting.

K. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Ulbricht promoted a WHBY radio segment on the UW Fox Cities closure from 12-1pm today.

L. Committee Meeting Schedule

The third Thursday of the month at 9:00am works for next month.

M. Next Meeting Date

1. October 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
Confirmed.

N. Adjourn

Zellmer entertained a motion to adjourn at 10:44 a.m. Moved by Ulbricht, seconded by Gilbertson. Passed. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.