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Extension Florence County Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2024 – 4:30 PM
Florence Natural Resource Center - Lower Level - NEW Conference Room

Members Present

Supervisors: Matt Brunette, Henry Sullivan, Tom Brandt, Joe Mills and Fran Modschiedler

Others Present

Office Manager – Jane Lindow
Area Extension Director – Amber Rehberg
4-H Program Educator – Maria Bournoville
FoodWise Educator – Jeanne Richard
4-H AmeriCorps Member – Morgan Tomczak
Fair Board – Jessica Klumpp

Call to Order/Roll Call

Amber Rehberg (Area Extension Director) called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. She reported that all Committee members were present.

Area Education Director - Election of Committee Chair

Rehberg called for nominations from the floor for Committee Chairman. Supervisor Modschiedler nominated Supervisor Brunette. Rehberg called for further nominations three times. Being none – It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler and seconded by Supervisor Brandt to nominate Supervisor Matt Brunette to the UW Extension Committee Chair. Motion carried, with all voting “Aye” on a voice vote.

Election of the Vice Chair

Chairman Brunette called for nominations of the Vice Chair. Supervisor Mills nominated Supervisor Sullivan. Chairman Brunette called for further nominations three times. Being none – It was moved by Supervisor Mills and seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler to nominate Supervisor Henry Sullivan as the UW Extension Committee Vice-Chair. Motion carried, with all voting “Aye” on a voice vote.

Approval of Agenda

Supervisor Modschiedler made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Supervisor Sullivan. Motion carried, with all voting “Aye” on a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes Extension Committee Meeting

Supervisor Mills made a motion to approve the March 18, 2024, Extension Committee Meeting minutes, supported by Supervisor Brandt. Motion carried, with all voting “Aye” on a voice vote.

Supervisor Sullivan made a motion to approve the April 2, 2024, Extension Committee Meeting minutes, supported by Supervisor Modschiedler. Motion carried, with all voting “Aye” on a voice vote.

Public Comment

None

Fair Board Update- Discussion and/or Action

Jessica Klumpp gave a building and grounds update. The Blue Ox Club is running a water line. Forestry & Parks

is installing a permanent pit toilet by the soccer/baseball fields, and they have graveled and graded the 2nd driveway (by the soccer/baseball fields-this cost was shared by Parks & Hwy Depts.). The Fair Board is redoing the double doors on the building, the lattice work on the back of the new pavilion and the sign by the road needs attention.

The Fair Board needs someone to install a chain link fence by the playground. Supervisor Modschiedler made a motion to send this to the Building & Grounds Committee to be put on the agenda. The motion was supported by Supervisor Sullivan. Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

The Florence County Fair will be held on August 23-25, 2024. They are looking to change the structure of the entrance fee to include the bounce house rides. Switching Senior Day to Sunday.

Approval of the Bills – Discussion and/or Action

Supervisor Modschiedler made a motion to approve and send the bills onto the Audit & Budget Committee, supported by Supervisor Brandt. Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Training and Expenses – Discussion and/or Action

Information only - *This report is on file at the UW-Extension office.*

AED Extension Update/Report

Amber Rehberg gave a brief history and overview of Extension, and the valuable partnership Extension has with Florence County. She discussed the different programming and the resources that are a part of the partnership Florence County has with UW-Madison's Division of Extension. Rehberg and staff gave an overview of each of the Institutes and highlighted current programming for our Human Development and Relationships Educator, T Rugg, who was on vacation. Extension is here to serve the community – if anyone has any questions or concerns or sees a need that needs to be filled, please let our staff know and we will do our best to address the need and support the community in whatever ways we are able.

Educator Reports

A combined written report from all educators was handed out. Richard, Bournoville, Tomczak gave verbal reports to the Committee on each of their respective (FoodWise & 4-H) disciplines. *This report is on file at the UW-Extension Office.* Due to summer programming, educators will not be giving an oral report in July; they will highlight and share summer programming at the September Extension Committee Meeting.

Sustainable Forestry Conference - Information only

SFC Update – We had 108 participants registered, 3 walk-ins and 11 no shows = 100 Total Participant. Although attendance was down from last year, it was a great conference with outstanding speakers. The 2024 budget information was passed out showing revenues and expenses so far for the conference. A final report will be given once all expenses are in. 2025 will be the 20th Anniversary of this conference.

Future Agenda Items

FMLA Approval
Website Overview

Next Meeting Dates

Monday, July 15, 2024, at 4:30PM

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Lindow
Office Manager