



**Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
FLORENCE COUNTY

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## **Extension Florence County Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, July 21, 2025 – 4:00 PM**

**Florence Natural Resource Center - Lower Level - MAIN Conference Room**

### **Supervisors Present:**

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

### **Others Present**

Area Extension Director – Amber Rehberg

Office Manager – Jane Lindow

Kim Merrill – Finance Director

Holly Krueger – Summer Horticulture Assistant

### **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chairman Brunette called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He reported that all the Committee members were present.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Approval of Minutes Extension Committee Meeting**

Supervisor Brandt made a motion to approve May 19, 2025, Extension Committee Meeting Minutes, supported by Supervisor Modschiedler. Motion carried, with all voting “Aye” on a voice vote.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Approval of the Bills – Discussion and/or Action**

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

### **Review 2025 YTD Budget Report - Information only**

Lindow reviewed the 2025 YTD Budget Report. We are in good shape at the 6-month mark.

### **Review Draft 2026 Budget – Information only**

Lindow reviewed the Draft 2026 Budget. We may need to adjust this draft to:

1. Add programming costs (for FFF & College Discovery Tour) that may no longer be provided by other departments and
2. Also affecting this budget is the fact that our FoodWise educator position will be eliminated as of September 30<sup>th</sup> with the ending of the Federally funded SNAP-ED program. We will explore possibilities of funding or co-funding this position with UW Madison & County Partners that will allow us to continue with the impactful programming we do.

## **Summer Horticulture Intern Programming Update**

Holly Krueger gave a verbal report on her progress to date.

## **Sustainable Forestry Conference Update**

Conference evaluations have been summarized and mailed with Thank You notes to all Financial Sponsors and Speakers. Expenses were finalized. We have a balance of \$8,728.58 in the account to start next year. In September we will be holding our first planning meeting for the 2026 Conference.

## **AED Extension Update/Report**

- SNAP-ED – FoodWise Funding Update: Rehberg explained during the Review of the 2026 Budget, the impact of loss of the FoodWise Program to our County.
- Just Finished Food, Fun & Fitness. It was a huge success. There were 152 kids. Outdoor Adventure is coming up with a great line-up.

## **Future Agenda Items**

- FoodWise Possibilities
- 2026 Budget Update

## **Next Meeting Dates**

Monday, September 15, 2025, at 4:00PM

Chairman Brunette adjourned the meeting at 5:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Lindow  
Office Manager