

## **Ag & Extension Education Committee**

Thursday, August 21, 2025

4:00 p.m.

HHS Bldg. Community Room

### **Extension Staff Present:**

☒ Lynn Perkins, AED    ☐ Dan Brandt    ☒ Jackie McCarville    ☐ Jordyn Sattler  
☐ Maggie Milcarek    ☐ Julia Harmon    ☒ Barry Hottmann

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm By Chair Dan Nankee \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. ROLL CALL**

☒ Chairman - Dan Nankee  
☐ Brad Stevens  
☒ Ricky Rolfsmeyer  
☐ Kevin Butteris  
☒ Daryl Krue

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

### **ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

MOTION: ☐ Ricky R \_\_\_\_\_  
SECOND: ☐ Daryl K \_\_\_\_\_

### **4. APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2025 MINUTES**

### **ADDITIONS / CHANGES MINUTES:**

MOTION: ☐ Ricky R \_\_\_\_\_  
SECOND: ☐ Daryl K \_\_\_\_\_

### **5. REPORT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE**

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Nankee shared information about an August 8 field day he attended. The Land Conservation department hosted a drone seeding demonstration. He also attended a soil health farm tour.

## **6. AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR UPDATE – Lynn Perkins**

Area 17 Staffing Update: Perkins reminded the committee the FoodWise program will be ending September 30, 2025, due to the signing of the Federal reconciliation bill on July 4. The program had a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of children and families for over 30 years. The cut eliminated both Maggie Milcarek – FoodWise Program Coordinator and Julia Harman – FoodWise Nutrition Educator positions. They will be laid off effective October 1, 2025. Maggie and Julia served the four counties of Area 17.

## **7. EXTENSION DEPARTMENT BUDGET 2026 REVIEW**

Hottmann and Perkins walked the committee through the 2026 proposed extension department budget. The department budget reflects an 18% cut. This is due to the executive committee's decision to cut vacant positions. The position was cut along with other vacant positions.

## **8. EDUCATORS REPORTS**

### **AGRICULTURE – Jackie McCarville/Jordyn Sattler**

Jackie shared the agriculture automation program and video of mineral point farmers that aided in the development of the decision-making model. She also shared several upcoming program flyers regarding several field day programs the regional ag team has developed and partnered with other organizations to deliver this fall.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Barry Hottmann**

Barry was asked by the New Glarus school board president to facilitate a strategic conversation with the school board. He continues to work on the municipalities community development project with 13 towns and villages. He is developing an A.I. training course for Iowa County employees that want to use Artificial Intelligence in their county work. The Board passed a resolution April 2025 indicating county employees seeking to use A.I. must first attend training. Bierke tasked Barry with development and implementation of the training. Barry anticipates trainings to be held at the end of September.

### **FOODWISE NUTRITION – Maggie Milcarek/Julia Harmon**

written report provided. \_\_\_\_\_

### **4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT – Dan Brandt**

written report provided \_\_\_\_\_

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:** October 16, 2025 4:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

## **10. ADJOURN:**

MOTION: Daryl K \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: 4:48 pm \_\_\_\_\_  
SECOND: Rick R \_\_\_\_\_

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