

Ag & Extension Education Committee

Thursday, October 16, 2025

4:00 p.m.

HHS Bldg. Community Room

Extension Staff Present:

☒ Lynn Perkins, AED ☐ Dan Brandt ☒ Jackie McCarville ☐ Jordyn Sattler
☒ Barry Hottmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 a.m. by Dan Nankee

2. ROLL CALL

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

Bruce Paul and Jon Hochkammer were also in attendance

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA:

MOTION: Ricky
SECOND: Kevin

4. APPROVAL OF August 21, 2025 MINUTES

ADDITIONS / CHANGES MINUTES:

MOTION: Ricky
SECOND: Kevin

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

Nankee shared recent change to livestock sale barn trucking fee has gone up significantly by 1,000 – 1,500%.

6. AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR UPDATE – Lynn Perkins

Perkins shared the Extension Ag Institute requested office space for the Extension State Swine Specialist, Jeff Morris. Perkins indicated he would bring his own computer and printer, just needs desk space, 2- 3 days/week. In exchange for space, he will offer a show pig clinic for youth, a new curriculum he is developing, in addition to the work he does for Swine Producers like Pork Quality Assurance and other programming.

Perkins shared FoodWise Coordinator Maggie Milcarik and FoodWise Educator Julia Harman were laid off October 1, 2025, due to the elimination of SNAP-ED funds. The funds were eliminated in the reconciliation bill signed into law July 4, 2025. It ended a successful nutrition education program for over 30 years.

Perkins shared a copy of the 2026 Extension Educator Contract. Ricky motioned, Kevin Seconded, the 2026 contract be approved and passed along to Interim County Administrator for signature.

7. EXTENSION DEPARTMENT BUDGET 2026 DISCUSSION

Perkins indicated the Extension department had hoped to find enough dollars in the recently cut 2026 budget to hire a PT, 9 months, no benefits, department assistant. The budget was cut by 18%, this is on top of last year's cut of 30%. Perkins could not find enough funds left to support a PT assistant. Paul recommended Extension Communicate to board members in the future the department has taken 2 years of significant cuts.

8. EDUCATORS REPORTS

AGRICULTURE – Jackie McCarville/Jordyn Sattler

McCarville shared “Save A Calf, Save Cow” program coming up in November. Translation service will be available for Spanish speaking farm workers.

Jackie and Jordyn will be participating in the “Day on the Farm” at the UW Platteville campus October. This is the first time Extension has been asked to host tabletop demonstrations.

Jordyn is partnering with Land Con Depts in Iowa and Lafayette to host a “Navigating Nitrogen” workshop. See Educator report for additional information.

McCarville and Sattler are working on several winter ag programs and continue to write articles for producers as well as radio segments.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Barry Hottmann

Barry shared additional details regarding written report. A great deal of his programming continues over a period of time so will start to indicate changes in this new format of reporting.

He has collected 12 surveys from the municipalities survey and will follow up with towns and villages. He has asked board members to assist where possible to help him spread the programming options available.

Ricky asked Barry for assistance with the Grandview strategic plan.

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT – Dan Brandt

4-H week was last week, the enrollment cycle is beginning for both volunteer leaders and 4-H members. Dan indicated enrollments are coming in steadily.

Dan shared a new fundraiser for 4-H will be held in October. It is a craft fair at the fairgrounds. This first-time event has over 25 vendors signed up.

Dan shared a 4-H Career Talks” program for 8th graders will be begin next week. He will be hosting a variety of people throughout the series.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME: _____ January 15, 2026 _____

10. ADJOURN:

MOTION: _____ Ricky _____ TIME: _____ 5:04 _____

SECOND: _____ Kevin _____

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