

EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Government Center, Boardroom 201
1316 N. 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

ROLL CALL: Present – Sue Hendrickson, Joel Certa-Werner (remote), Michael Raunio (remote), Wendy Bong (remote), Mike Streveler (remote). Others present – Mary Johnson-Garay (remote), Mary Pardee, Tarah Nichols (remote), Katie Stenroos (remote), Tracy Henegar (remote), Sheldon Johnson (remote), Jim Borgeson (remote), Sam Jones (remote), Claudia Fezzy (remote), Mary Anderson-Petroske (remote), Payton Mattson (remote), Lora Randa (remote), Evelyn Flesvig (remote), Chayce Strauch (remote), Cheryl Westman, Heidi Hoff, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Raunio, second Bong, to approve the October 21, 2020, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Recycling – S. Johnson: Use of Rural Douglas County Recycling Container Sites by Adjoining Douglas County Residents: Village of Lake Nebagamon resident needs extra recycling container due to medical hardship resulting in excess cardboard; additional cost to resident (cart service). Utilizing an adjoining Douglas County township’s facility (Highland) discussed. Sam Jones, Town of Highland representative, noted they had previously opened their facility to everyone and were overwhelmed, so they started issuing cards for resident use only. Johnson clarified no state laws exist barring a resident from using another municipality’s facilities, but doing so may cause financial and resource hardships. Each municipality will decide whether to restrict their recycling facility to residents only or to allow non-resident use on a case by case basis.

Partnership/financial contribution to City of Superior Hazardous Waste Collection: Due to cost, the summer 2021 City of Superior hazardous waste event cancelled. The mercury collection event will go forward.

General Updates: Higher costs due to volume increase on residential recycling containers. Additional containers added to Dairyland and Parkland. Percentage goal of non-recyclables in container is 0%. Household hazardous waste collection event to be held at Parkland Town Hall August 31, 2021, 2pm – 6pm, and is open to all Douglas County residents.

Investing in Communities – S. Hendrickson: Informational article included in meeting packet.

Presentations: “Understanding Why Black Lives Matter” – Superior High School Amnesty International Group. Overview of lethal force in the U.S. History of slave patrols and Jim Crow laws that legalized racial segregation. Trailer for “13th” on Netflix shown. Highlighted Amnesty International BLM advocacy and George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

“Extension Overview” – Pardee reviewed Extension programs and the team that supports them, as well as the budget.

Extension: Area Extension Director – M. Pardee: Pardee reported telecommuting still ongoing, also safe to work in the office; face to face programs less than 10 people. Plan to hire a 50% Office/Media Associate. April 1st deadline for statewide summer camp decision. WEXA new organization starting up again, with dues of \$50.

Agriculture & Horticulture – J. Anklam: Anklam not present.

FoodWise – J. Montgomery/T. Nichols: Nichols provided overview of programs in progress including Cooking Matters virtual classes, providing \$25 gift cards to families in need who attend.

Human Development & Relationships – T. Henegar: Henegar provided overview of programs in progress. Introduced Evelyn Flesvig, UW-Superior intern. She primarily works with incarcerated population.

4-H Program – K. Stenroos: Stenroos provided overview of programs in progress. Still limited in-person events. Provided 4H Home for the Holidays camp in a box to members.

Youth Development – M. Johnson-Garay: Johnson provided overview of programs in progress. Continued literacy work, and mindfulness with youth.

ACTION ITEMS:

2021 Meeting Dates: Third Wednesday every other month @ 1pm. Next meeting April 15, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Raunio, second Bong, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Submitted by,

Heidi Hoff, Committee Clerk