

**EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Government Center, Boardroom 201**  
**1316 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Hendrickson.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Sue Hendrickson, Wendy Bong, Mike Streveler. Absent – Kelly Peterson. Michael Raunio. Others present – Heidi Johnson (remote), Ellen Chicka, Katie Stenroos, Julie Montgomery, Ashtin Gronning (remote), Mary Pardee (remote), Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Bong, second Streveler, to approve the minutes of December 15, 2021, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Recycling – A. Gronning:** Hazardous waste collection event to be held on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at Gordon/Wascott transfer station from 1-5 p.m.; newsletter to be distributed in May. Sharps information: City of Superior residents only may drop off at WLSSD in Duluth, MN. Potential exists for setting something up in Douglas County, with a larger container placed in a secure location and smaller containers in other Douglas County buildings.

**Extension (Written Report in Meeting Packet):**

**Area Extension Director – M. Pardee:** Completing annual employee reviews for 2021; and starting strategic planning process in Extension Department, currently recruiting members to serve on team.

**FoodWise – J. Montgomery:** Impact report for 2021 reviewed; submitted three garden grants; 2023 FoodWise grant plan due mid-April. Nichols providing education in five local elementary schools. Strong Bodies virtual series just wrapped up last week, and planning another session starting in May.

**Human Development & Relationships – T. Henegar:** Not present.

**4-H and Youth Development – K. Stenroos:** Next bimonthly activity night set for April 3rd at Parkland Town Hall; over 30 youth attended February event; planning for summer programming occurring in collaboration with Burnett County 4H. 1-day regional event at UW River Falls to be held in the future; and working with Tracy Henegar on teen mental health program implementation in the fall in the schools.

**ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:** Broadband Resolution: Draft resolution reviewed. Suggested that NWRP attend a future meeting to provide information and statistics from survey outcome.

**ACTION (RESOLUTION):** Motion by Streveler, second Bong, to approve broadband resolution as presented, and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**INFORMATIONAL:**

**Agriculture and Horticulture Discussion with Heidi Johnson, Director of Agriculture Institute:** Johnson updated committee on staffing challenges faced over the past several years. New hiring approach requested at state level is for higher levels of expertise in staff members and specialized positions, as well as more regional education, covering broader areas geographically speaking, and not filling any single county positions. Master Gardener program: can volunteer anywhere now, less oversight at state level, and course completed online. Horticulture – long-term goal is for public to be able to ask questions to online portal from anywhere, upload photos. Additional counties to be included on the site over time.

**Sharps Recycling:** Discussion – approaching local health facilities suggested for willingness to be an end receptacle. Fire Departments or town halls as local drop offs suggested. To be agenda item at future Towns Association meeting.

**WEXA Update – S. Hendrickson:** WCA facilitating the meetings via Zoom.

**Future Agenda items – Next Meeting Date:** June 15, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Bong, second Streveler, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl L. Westman, Committee Clerk