

EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Government Center, Boardroom 201
1316 N. 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Hendrickson at 1:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present – Sue Hendrickson, Michael Raunio, Mike Streveler, Absent – Wendy Bong, Charlie Glazman. Others present – Sheldon Johnson (remote), Ashtin Gronning (remote), Ellen Chicka, Julie Montgomery, Mary Pardee, Tarah Nichols, Kendra Schmidt, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Raunio, second Streveler, to approve the minutes of March 16th, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

Reports:

Extension (Written Report Distributed at Meeting):

Area Extension Director – M. Pardee:

Update on Agriculture Education Plan: A shared educator is possible between counties as the positions are becoming more regional. Possibility of e-updates was raised, which would be released via email. The use of UW-Extension's FaceBook page to convey information as well.

WEXA Update: WEXA has been disbanded, but WCA will form a steering committee in its place.

FoodWise – J. Montgomery/T. Nichols: Annual report included. Strong Bodies class goes until the end of June.

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

4-H and Youth Development – K. Stenroos: Not present.

2021 Annual Report – E. Chicka: Draft report distributed.

INFORMATIONAL:

Presentation by Northwest Regional Planning on their Survey of Broadband Availability in the Northwest Counties – S. Johnson: Johnson gave presentation on survey results and reporting technology that can be used by the public.

Recycling – S. Johnson: Douglas County is receiving a substantial grant from the DNR of over \$55,000. Another recycling container will be provided for the Town of Maple. Recycling event will be taking place in Gordon in June. Possible contract with Waste Management for two year term.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS: Increase Part-Time Office/Media Associate Position to Full-Time. M. Pardee discussed request, as explained on agenda attachment.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by Streveler, second Raunio, to approve the request to increase position to full time for 2023, and refer to Administration Committee budget session. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda items – Extension broadband specialist at next meeting to discuss what can be done to improve broadband.

Next Meeting Date: August 17, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Raunio, second Streveler, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Submitted by,
Kendra Schmidt, Committee Clerk