

MINUTES
MANITOWOC COUNTY
Extension Education and Agriculture Committee

DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2022

TIME: 4:45 P.M.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Office Complex, 4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI

MINUTES:

1. **Meeting called to order** at 4:45 p.m. by Chair Wagner.
2. **Roll call:** Present: Supervisor Wagner and Supervisor Martell. Excused: Supervisor Hansen and Supervisor Neils. Also present: Manitowoc County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer, Angie Ulness, Agriculture Educator, Cath Tease, Health and Well-Being Educator and Interim Area Extension Director Judy Knudsen.
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Motion not made due to lack of quorum.
4. **Public Comment** – None.
5. **Minutes.** Motion not made due to lack of quorum.
6. **Correspondence** – None.
7. **Program Highlights**

Angie Ulness provided an update of her efforts since starting in the Agriculture Educator position on December 15, 2022. She has meeting with Manitowoc County farmers and agri-business professionals, responding to media requests, and participating in professional development opportunities. Angie provided an update of agricultural statistics for Manitowoc County.

Cath Tease shared information from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Youth Risk Behavior Survey results for Manitowoc County youth on topics related to drug use, bullying and suicidal thoughts and behavior, and school connectedness. She then shared the work she is doing in partnership with other organizations in Manitowoc County to address these issues and provide train and education to teachers, parents, and youth.

8. Department Director Report:

Hiring Update – Two candidates will be interviewed for the 4-H Program Educator position.

- Utilization of interns to expand programming efforts. Laura Apfelbeck utilized two University of Wisconsin – Green Bay dietetic interns in fall 2021 to deliver nutrition education and will have more additional dietetic interns in spring 2022. She also received funding from UW-Madison Division of Extension to hire an intern for 12 weeks for summer 2022.
- Changes to Master Gardener Program – Master Gardener volunteers will now become volunteers of the organizations they volunteer for rather than being volunteers of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension. Master Gardeners in Manitowoc, Calumet, and Brown Counties have been discussing how address proposed changes.
- Camp Ta Pa Wingo – As of 3:00 p.m. on February 17, 2022, closing for Camp Ta Pa Wingo and property including assets were transferred from the chartered 4-H entity (Manitowoc County Leaders Association) to the newly created 501 (c) 3 organization.

Budget review/progress 2022 to date was shared.

Newsletter was shared. February 2022 issue featured new format.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 4:45 p.m.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Recorded by Judy Knudsen, Department Director

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