

MINUTES
MANITOWOC COUNTY
Extension Education and Agriculture Committee

DATE: Thursday, April 16, 2026

TIME: 4:45pm

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

Committee Members:

- Supervisor Ryan Phipps, Chair
- Supervisor Lee Engelbrecht
- Supervisor Tim Jadowski
- Supervisor Scott Schiesl
- Supervisor Larry Bonde

1. **Meeting called to order** at 4:48 p.m. by Committee Co- Chair Supervisor Lee Engelbrecht
2. **Roll call:** Present: Supervisor Lee Engelbrecht, Supervisor Scott Schiesl, and Supervisor Larry Bonde. Also present: UW Extension Manitowoc County 4-H Educator, Katrina Pionek; UW Extension Director, Jayna Hintz
 - **Absent:** Supervisor Ryan Phipps, Supervisor Tim Jadowski
3. **Approval of Agenda.** Motion made by Supervisor Larry Bonde and seconded by Supervisor Scott Schiesl to approve the April 16, 2026, meeting agenda.
4. **Public Comment:** NONE
5. **Approval of Minutes.** Motion made by Supervisor Scott Schiesl and seconded by Supervisor Lee Engelbrecht to approve Thursday, February 19, 2026, meeting minutes.
6. **Correspondence – NONE**

Program Highlight UW Extension-Manitowoc County 4-H Educator, Katrina Pionek shared the statewide Wisconsin Positive Youth Development Institute Impact Report from 2025. The report focuses on the Wisconsin 4-H program and three main priorities. Experiential Learning, Youth Empowerment, and Career and College Readiness. Experiential Learning provides space for young people to learn and grow their interest while building life and leadership skills. Youth Empowerment empowers young people to become leaders and use their voices as they partner with adults to positively impact their communities. Career and College Readiness help young people learn the skills, confidence, and mindset to take on life's opportunities and challenges. Locally 4-H focuses on Experiential Learning and helping the 388 members grow their interest. An example of youth growing their interest is demonstrated by two youth from Manitowoc County 4-H Program that made it to the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. 4-H Volunteer numbers have increased in the last four years to 58 new volunteers joined bringing the total number of volunteers to 92. The 4-H program is steadily growing in Manitowoc County.
7. **UW Extension Department Director Report** provided by Jayn Hintz, UW Extension Director.
 - An impact report highlighting educators' work in Manitowoc County was provided.
 - Current Budget progress to date was discussed. A breakdown of each educator's budget was provided.
8. **Date of Next Meeting – June 18, 2026**
9. **Adjourn** 5:16 pm