

MINUTES
MANITOWOC COUNTY
Extension Education and Agriculture Committee

DATE: Thursday, June 18, 2026

TIME: 4:45pm

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

Committee Members:

- Supervisor Larry Bonde, Chair
- Supervisor Jill Pope
- Supervisor Greg Riederer
- Supervisor Scott Schiesl
- Supervisor Greg Wolf

1. **Meeting called to order** at 4:45p.m. by Committee Chair Supervisor Larry Bonde
2. **Roll call:** Present: Supervisor Larry Bonde, Supervisor Jill Pope, Supervisor Greg Riederer Supervisor Scott Schiesl, and Supervisor Greg Wolf. Also present: UW Extension Manitowoc County Health and Well Being Educator, Cath Tease, and UW Extension Director, Jayna Hintz
 - **Absent:** none
 - **Approval of Agenda.** Motion made by Supervisor Greg Riederer and seconded by Supervisor Scott Schiesl to approve the April 16, 2026, meeting agenda.
3. **Public Comment:** NONE
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Motion made by Supervisor Scott Schiesl and seconded by Supervisor Greg Riederer to approve Thursday, April 16, 2026, meeting minutes.
5. **Correspondence** – NONE
6. **Program Highlight** UW Extension Health and Well Being Educator Cath Tease shared that her work started in 2019, .50 FTE with the request to focus on the opioid epidemic. In addition to coalition efforts to prevent substance misuse, and improve access to treatment services, she also focuses educational programming on serving the Recovery community. Recovery Friendly Workplace is a new area of focus. Working with employers to support businesses in better understanding the benefits and challenges of hiring persons from the recovery community. Cath is currently being trained in Food Smart, as adapted for persons in recovery. This curriculum discusses how previous use of drugs continues to impact the body's ability to absorb nutrients. The program will be implemented this fall to educate people in recovery on how to increase healthy choices when fueling themselves. Shared education being provided at the Felician Village, the program is called "Memories that Matter", a three-part class.
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:** August 20, 2026
9. Adjourn 5:05p.m.