

MINUTES
MANITOWOC COUNTY
Extension Education and Agriculture Committee

DATE: Thursday, October 15, 2026

TIME: 4:48pm

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 1st Vice-Chair Supervisor Greg Riederer
2. **Roll call:** Present: Supervisor Jill Pope, Supervisor Greg Riederer, Supervisor Scott Schiesl, and Supervisor Greg Wolf. Also present: UW Extension Manitowoc County Dairy Educator, Angie Ulness, and UW Extension Director, Jayna Hintz
 - **Absent:** Supervisor Larry Bonde
 - **Approval of Agenda.** Motion made by Supervisor Scott Schiesl and seconded by Supervisor Jill Pope to approve the October 15, 2026, meeting agenda.
3. **Public Comment:** NONE
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Motion made by Supervisor Scott Schiesl and seconded by Supervisor Jill Pope to approve Thursday, August 20, 2026, meeting minutes.
5. **Correspondence** – NONE
6. **Program Highlight** UW Extension UW Extension Manitowoc County Dairy Educator, Angie Ulness, shared information on
 - Raising the Bar: Building Better Heifers Program being offered December 4th the at the Kaukauna Town Hall at 10:00am.
 - An example of UW-Madison resources being brought to Community was a meeting where Angie helped plan a professional development day by bringing in guest speaker, UW-Madison Specialist, Dr. Fricke who engaged large animal veterinarians from northeast Wisconsin in a presentation and discussion focused on reproductive technologies and current research. The format provided veterinarians an opportunity to learn directly from a dairy reproduction specialist, ask questions, discuss challenges they encounter in practice, and explore the application of research to reproductive management on dairy farms.
 - Angie is working with UW-Madison Farm Management Specialist Kelly Wilfert to hold A Farm Succession Peer-to-Peer Meeting for Dairy Farmers in Manitowoc County. This series is planned to kick-off late fall early winter.
7. **UW Extension Department Director Report** provided by Jayn Hintz, UW Extension Director.
 - An impact report highlighting educators' work in Manitowoc County was provided.
 - 2027 Budget was provided and discussed with the committee
 - Current Budget progress to date was discussed. A breakdown of each educator's budget was provided.
 - A discussion was facilitated focused on the following questions.

- What are the most pressing issues or challenges facing our county today?
What challenges do you anticipate over the next 3-5 years?
- What role should Extension play in helping address these issues?
- Which issues are best addressed locally at the county level, and which are better addressed through regional or statewide efforts?
- What do you see as the value of county-based Extension programming?
What value do regional and statewide Extension programs provide?

8. Date of Next Meeting: December 17, 2026

9. Adjourn 5:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jayna Hintz