

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
AGRICULTURE & EXTENSION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2022
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302
7:45 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 21 (Chair)	Absent	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 18 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
David Bischel	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	
Matthew Peterson	Chippewa County	District 10	Present	
Joel Seidlitz	Chippewa County	District 9	Present	

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard

4. CONSENT AGENDA

During Kristen Bruder's report she informed the committee that the educators will be at a State Conference on December 7th.

Motion to move the December 7th meeting to December 14th, same time and place. Motion made by Bischel and second made by Seidlitz. All supervisors present voted yes.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matthew Peterson, District 10
SECONDER:	David Bischel, District 4
AYES:	Hunt, Bischel, Peterson, Seidlitz
ABSENT:	Ives

1. Approve the agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

Agriculture & Extension Committee - Regular Meeting - Aug 3, 2022 7:45 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - December 7, 2022

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

6. REPORTS

1. Area Director Report - Kristen Bruder
Kristen Bruder introduced herself as the "new" Area Director for Eau Claire, Chippewa and Dunn counties.

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2. 2023 Extension Contract Discussion - Kristen Bruder
Kristen Bruder explained the 136 Contract between the County and Extension.
3. Human Development & Relationship - Jeanne Walsh
Please see attached report
4. FoodWise - Sandy Tarter/Nancy Fastner
Please see attached report.

It was noted that Nancy Fastner has retired from Extension.

5. Community Development - Addison Vang
Please see attached report
6. Horticulture - Margaret Murphy
Please see attached report
7. 4-H - Heidi Vanderloop
Please see attached report. A

The number in the report of youths enrolled in 4H is not accurate due to the report being over a week old. As of today 249 youths are not enrolled in 4H in Chippewa County.

8. Agriculture/Crops & Soils - Jerry Clark
Please see attached report

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no items for future consideration.

8. ADJOURN

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Bischel, District 4
SECONDER:	Joel Seidlitz, District 9
AYES:	Hunt, Bischel, Peterson, Seidlitz
ABSENT:	Ives

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Others present: Jason Hausler, Jerry Clark, Jeannie Walsh, Heidi Vanderloop, Addison Vang and Nancy Fastner.
Recorder: Amanda Richardson

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Annette Hunt, District 18 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER: David Bischel, District 4
AYES: Ives, Hunt, Bischel, Seidlitz
ABSENT: Peterson

1. Approve the agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

Agriculture & Extension Committee - Regular Meeting - Jun 1, 2022 7:45 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - October 5, 2022

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

6. REPORTS

1. Area Director Report - Jason Hausler
Jason Hausler, Interim Extension Director, informed the committee on the accepted position of the Administration Specialist that has been vacant since last September. The employee will start August 22nd. He also stated interviews for the Extension Director should be completed by the end of the month and have a permanent employee by October.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Aug 3, 2022 7:45 AM (Consent Agenda)

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2. **Extension Educator Reports Discussion - Jason Hausler**
Jason Hausler, Interim Extension Director, questioned the committee how they would like to see the staff reports going forward. Supervisors Bischel and Seidlitz stated they like to have written reports over oral reports as they like to be able to read and go back if needed. Hausler also indicated that written reports are a good way to have an archive. After discussion it was concluded there would be written reports and anything that needed to be addressed out of the report can be given orally. Supervisor Hunt noted that she enjoyed the field trips to actually see things they do hands on and suggested to have one every 6 months or so.
3. **Human Development & Relationship - Jeanne Walsh**
Jeanne Walsh, Human Development & Relationship Educator, gave a report on June and July highlights. (Copy on file)
4. **FoodWise - Sandy Tarter/Nancy Fastner**
Nancy Fastner, FoodWise Nutrition Educator, updated the committee on their summer projects (copy on file) Fastner stated she will be retiring in September and that the position was approved to refill.
5. **Community Development - Addison Vang**
Addison Vang, Community Development Educator, gave a report on the June and July highlights. (Copy on file)
6. **Horticulture - Margaret Murphy**
7. **4-H - Heidi Vanderloop**
Heidi Vanderloop, 4H Program Educator, briefed the committee on the June and July events from hosting the animal science days, 4H camp and the Northern WI State Fair. She stated they are currently in the transition of going into the fall programs with the 4H awards ceremony on August 18th at the Bloomer North Park.
8. **Agriculture/Crops & Soils - Jerry Clark**
Jerry Clark, Agriculture Educator, gave a report on Agriculture and Extension Education. (Copy on file)

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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AYES:	Ives, Hunt, Bischel, Seidlitz
ABSENT:	Peterson

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Jeanne Walsh, Human Development & Relationship Educator Chippewa County

As the Human Development & Relationship Educator I focus on increasing the financial security of individuals and families within the Chippewa community and the state. August and September highlights include:

- Partnering with the Chippewa Falls Library to offer a 7-session Planning AHEAD workshop at the library. This workshop series focused on helping community members to understand and plan for their end of life. This included medical and legal directives, estate planning, financial changes, grief, and choices in end-of-life care.
- Partnering with Criminal Justice Collaboration Team to offer financial coaching and financial education to justice involved participants.
- Continued development of justice involved equitable financial curriculum with state Extension colleagues.
- State development of Financial Coaching Course to begin in October.
- Planning and coordinating an Encouraging Financial Conversations (EFC) class for October. This workshop series focuses on helping professionals talk with their clients about saving, budgeting, spending, and building financial goals.

Professional development highlights include:

- Attended the Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Liaison (HIB) training in Madison.
- Attended the virtual Chippewa County Recovery Treatment Team training.

FoodWise September Report for Chippewa

CHIP Chronic Disease Prevention Action Team (CDPAT): Sandy Co-Chairs this team which has been working with multiple community partners in the following initiatives:

- **New Farmers Market:** partnership with the YMCA to initiate a pilot Farmers Market at the YMCA Sept 19, 26 and October 3. Our goal is to implement a full season next summer including an EBT program to allow FoodShare participants to use their benefits to purchase fresh, local foods. This fits our CDPAT goal to increase access to healthy foods for all.
- **New Food is Medicine Program:** this is a collaboration with Mayo Health System providers and St. Francesca Resource Center to develop a response program for individuals dealing with or at risk for chronic diseases. UW Stout Practicum students have joined our efforts in helping to compile data, review local community health needs assessment, research community programs, develop participant assessments, food pantry assessment, implement nutrition education, and address evaluation metrics. FoodWise will contribute to all aspects of this program including working with St. Francesca's food pantry to identify healthy foods, points of decision prompts on the shelves, provide curriculum, nutrition education, and other aspects in our Safe and Health Food Pantry Toolkit.
- **Diabetes Prevention Month-November:** the team is collaborating with the Regional Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), along with additional hours from UW Stout Practicum Students, to provide the Pre-Diabetes Risk Assessment in our community and educate individuals on what the DPP provides while supporting their registration if interested.

FY22/23-As our FY22 closes out September 30, 2022, I am working on end of year reporting. FY23 agreements have gone out to our county partners.

Goodbye to Nancy Fastner...We are in deep gratitude for Nancy's 9-year dedication to the families of Chippewa and Dunn Counties in the FoodWise program. She will be missed and we wish her all the best in retirement.

Retirement note from Nancy:

It is bittersweet to announce that I am retiring officially on October 10, 2022, with my last day in office on Sept 6.

I have been truly blessed to work with such a great team of specialists and county partners. I have learned so much along the way and have been fortunate to be able to reach so many low-income participants.

I appreciate your support of the FoodWise Program. I expect the new FoodWise Nutrition Educator will continue the great work and outreach we have done here in Chippewa County.

Warmly and Best Health to you all, Nancy Fastner

Chippewa County Report

Addison Vang, Community Development Educator Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire Counties

As the Community Development Educator I focus on supporting the capacity of the Chippewa Valley with a focus on community food systems. August and September highlights include:

- I have been collaborating with a few other educators to put on a free Grant Writing 101 virtual workshop for October 18th. This is the second Grant Writing 101 workshop I have been a part of. Use the following link to register: shorturl.at/emy39.
- Another virtual event I have been involved in is the Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development (FEED) Summit. It is a 2-day virtual summit for Wisconsin food entrepreneurs! The 2022 FEED Summit will be held virtually on November 14th and 15th, from 10 am to 4 pm. There is an early registration discount and scholarships are available. Registration and scholarships can be found at the following link: <https://foodsystems.extension.wisc.edu/feed-summit-2022/>
- HMong Economic Advancement, Research, Equity (HERE) Conference held in Eau Claire at the Pablo Confluence. The conference consists of a two-day conference and a one-day summit where speakers, presenters, and participants will engage in impactful workshops, roundtables, keynotes, and panels focusing on professional development and cultural competencies for entrepreneurs, community members, business professionals, and policy makers. Attendees had an opportunity to network with others and promote their organizations.
- I coordinated and organized the Little Mekong Night Market alongside the HERE Conference. It provided an opportunity for Hmong and BiPOC entrepreneurs to showcase their art and food. The majority vendors were BiPOC and ethnic vendors from around the state and Minnesota. The event was a huge success with many vendors wanting to return and considering future events in the Chippewa Valley. One vendor from Cadott was able to showcase his food at the event as a first year startup.
- I continue to work on the Extension statewide project to support Hmong farmers. There has been a lot of momentum with the initiative that has yet to be announced. The statewide project will further support the Hmong farmers in the Chippewa Valley by creating a network of partners and farmers throughout the state working together to further the advancement and capacity of Hmong farmers who have been critical to the state's farmers

market but has never been able to access cooperatives, community supported agriculture, and other efforts created from the farm to fork and local food system efforts.

Horticulture Educator Program Report – October 5, 2022
Margaret Murphy

- *Growing and Caring for Plants in Wisconsin: Foundations in Gardening* course. I will again be a lab instructor for the optional labs offered in this course. My first lab is September 29 covering pesticide labels and soil testing. We have 27 participants in our sessions.

- I continue to work with staff and volunteers at Lake Wissota State Park to create a native rain garden plus, develop signage for the rain garden and neighboring pollinator garden. For several weeks, we have been working hard on prepping the set and planting. As of Friday, September 23, we had expanded the pollinator garden, prepped the rain garden and surrounding area (which will be seeded with natives plants) and planted over half the rain garden with plugs ordered from Prairie Nursery in Westfield, WI. Five signs to post throughout the area have been ordered.



- The 6-week garden programs I do in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club and FoodWise at the Chippewa Falls Community Garden and River Heights Elementary in Dunn County have finished for the season. An end of program survey of both the kids and staff resulted in 52% stating that their favorite thing about garden club was learning about gardening (planting, weeding, watering & harvesting); 40% stated their favorite thing was trying the food at food tastings and a few (8%) said they liked everything!
- I am currently serving on the Search & Screen Committee for the Master Gardener Coordinator position. Unfortunately, the first search did not result in a hire. We will begin interviews after the position closes on October 10.
- Horticulture inquiries are keeping me busy. Current questions are on fruit, fall garden clean up, unsuccessful garden crops, diseases, soil testing, lawns and invasives.
- I will be participating in Chippewa County School Conservation Days on October 4 at Lake Wissota State Park (unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict I can't participate in the September 29 day at Burnet Island State Park). I will be partnering with Master Gardener, Sue Crisp. Our program focuses on invasive

species and native plants. A big shout out to Amber for her help in getting materials ready for us!

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- The Chippewa Falls Community Garden is coming to a close for the season. We will have a cleanup day in October. The garden was full and we had a very successful season. I observed many visitors strolling through the garden as it was a beautiful display of vegetables and flowers. There were two plots that were designated as donation plots. Volunteers estimated that 41 pounds of cucumbers, 220 pounds of tomatoes and 240 pounds of potatoes were donated to Agnes' Table Food Pantry! A big thank you to all the volunteers involved with that project and to Klinger's Farm Market for donating the plants!

October marks the start of the new 4-H Year! 4-H enrollment is well under way, with 167 youth enrolled or re-enrolled for the 2022-2023 4-H Calendar year. In 4-H management, currently approving enrollments, reviewing chartered club & groups annual financial reports, and chartering documents to use the 4-H name & emblem.

4-H Graduation & Awards was held on August 18 at the North End Park in Bloomer. Thirteen youth graduated from 4-H along with recognizing the youth who are moving from Cloverbud to a full member of 4-H. Scholarship recipients were also awarded, along with the WI 4-H Key Award. Michael Phillips, Hannah Tambornino and Meagan Frazer received the Key Award, which is the highest award a 4-Her can receive in their career. There were about seventy youth, volunteers, family members and special guests in attendance.

4-H Arts Camp concluded the 4-H camping season on September 24 and 25th at WFU Kamp Kenwood. Forty youth from Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Pierce, Polk & Trempealeau counties attended. In our evaluation youth appreciated the focused project learning around arts where they learned how to felt soap, the fundamentals of photography and more in the breakout sessions Saturday. On Sunday, youth picked a track to participate in which covered 2D Art, 3D Art and Performing Arts. We look forward to offering the program again in fall of 2024.

Upcoming partnerships for the school year include offering the first in school 4-H Club at the New Auburn School District in 2nd Grade. I will again be partnering with Voyagers afterschool in Chippewa Falls for two short term 4-H programs this year, Cornell School District Bloomer Library for afterschool programming. I will also be piloting a program called ChickQuest in 5th grade classrooms at Stanley-Boyd this spring.

Agriculture and Extension Education Committee Report

October 5, 2022

Agriculture Agent – Jerry Clark

Educational Programs and Teaching

County Research Field Day

I coordinated a field day held on August 11 at the Chippewa County Research Plots to showcase the different research projects. I provided information about the malting barley variety and fertility trials, wheatgrass planting date study, and industrial hemp seeding rate and variety trial. Kolby Grint, UW-Madison/Extension Nutrient Pest Management Regional Specialist provided tours of the winter rye roller crimper effect on white mold in soybean study and the soybean pre-emergence herbicide project. Twenty-one farmers and agency personnel attended the field day. Two newspapers and one local television station covered portions of the event.

Industrial Hemp Field Day

Thirty-one participants learned about industrial hemp production and potential industry uses during Industrial Hemp Field Days. The field days were held at three locations in Buffalo and Chippewa Counties and at the Ho-Chunk Nation near Tomah. The educational event provided a forum for discussion on relevant industrial hemp processing, manufacturing, and transportation. The field day focused on research efforts on cultivar selection, seeding rates, and processing. Other topics included use of hemp as a potential forage source for livestock and market development.

Speakers at the field days included Carl Duley, Buffalo County, Agriculture Agent, “Variety Selection and Sourcing”; Jerry Clark, Chippewa County, Agriculture Agent, “Seeding Rates and Nitrogen Management”; Bill Halfman, Beef Outreach Specialist, “Using Industrial Hemp as Potential Forage”; and Dr. Shelby Ellison, Assistant Professor, Department of Horticulture, “Industrial Hemp Processing and Market Development.”

Research Projects

Weed Management Roller Crimper Study – Chippewa County Farm Plots

Weed Management Pre-emergence Herbicide Study – Chippewa County Farm Plots

- These two studies are completed, and data is currently being analyzed

Kernza (wheatgrass) Planting Date Study – Chippewa County Farm Plots

- Harvested September 19 and grain is being dried and data will be analyzed soon.

Industrial Hemp Variety and Seeding Rate Study – Chippewa County Farm Plots

- Fiber harvest completed on September 2 and 9 and is currently being retted.

Adaptive Nitrogen Management in Corn Study – Eagle Point

Forage Grass and Manure Application Study – Edson

Professional Development

I attended the North American Barley Researchers Workshop and Barley Improvement Conference held at the University of California-Davis. I presented my research on malting barley varieties and nitrogen and fungicide application rates.