

## FOREST COUNTY UWEXT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY UWEXT COMMITTEE  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022  
TIME: 1:00 PM  
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM, ROOM 107

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL:

UWEXT Committee: Cindy Gretzinger, Ron Karl, William Chaney, Tom Tallier, Brian Piasini

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sandy Beauchaine

**UWEXT:** Michelle Gobert (present)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Tallier to approve agenda, seconded by Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment; None in attendance

**APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES** from the April 27, 2022, Joint Land Conservation and Land Information - GIS - UWEXT Committee. Motion by Piasini to approve the April 27, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### UWEXT

There was an update on Area Extension Director updates given by Michelle Gobert for Amber Rehberg.

There was an update on Personnel Changes:

1. Community Development Transition – Chris Stark – Stark submitted his resignation to UWEXT and will be taking more of a Statewide roll supporting Broadband. Motion made by Tallier for a recommendation to fill the UWEXT position, second by Karl. All present voting. AYE.
2. Food Wise Educator & Coordinator Position update – Karly Harrison, FoodWise Coordinator, is no longer employed by UWEXT. UWEXT will repost until the position is filled.

There was an update on USDA Community Discussion & Next Steps:

1. Chris Stark facilitated a USDA Community Listening session with Laona and Crandon residents earlier this year. Participants of the listening session voiced that there are a lot of challenges

and opportunities for the municipalities including grants. With Stark leaving, Amber Rehberg and Michelle Gobert are hoping to revisit this project and have set a tentative meeting date at the Laona Community Center on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

There was an update on the Forest County 4-H & Community Youth Development Overview & Programming Highlights given by Michelle Gobert. For the last six (6) months Gobert has been working with our youth and introducing them to Forest County leadership topics and the local history of the Laona District.

There was a discussion and update on the Youth Mental Health given by Michelle Gobert. A Youth Risk Behavior Survey was handed out to the youth in 2021. The data from this survey is not yet available and should be this fall 2022. The data from the 2019 survey was available and a handout was given to the Committee members. The top three for mental health and wellbeing were:

1. Anxiety
2. Depression
3. Overwhelmed

Michelle Gobert's 2022-2023 plan of work will focus on Literacy, Youth Mental Health and Youth Safety.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Committee would like to get an overview from UWEXT on mental health programming and what the Committee can do to help mental health concerns in the county.

#### **SET MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION**

A discussion to set the next meeting date, time, and location in July. Date and time to be determined.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion by Tallier to adjourn, second by Piasini. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled UWEXT Committee meeting.