

FOREST COUNTY UWEXT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY UWEXT COMMITTEE
DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM, ROOM 107

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

UWEXT Committee: Cindy Gretzinger, Ron Karl, Tom Tallier, Brian Piasini; Bill Chaney arrived at 1:15 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: None

UWEXT: Michelle Gobert (present), Amber Rehberg (present), Terri Kolb (present)

OTHERS PRESENT: None

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Karl to approve agenda, seconded by Piasini. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment; None in attendance

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES from the June 22, 2022, UWEXT Committee. Motion by Karl to approve the June 22, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

UWEXT

Area Extension Director Updates from Amber Rehberg

- Personnel Updates & Discussion

- *Community Development Position – Recently Held by Chris Stark

- Discussion around greatest needs in Forest County

- *Upcoming Areas of Concern/Education Needed

- PFAS

- Senior Housing

- Attracting and Retaining Young People

- Grant Support for All Departments

- *FoodWise Educator & Coordinator Position Update – Last Held by Karly Harrison

- Two Failed Searches; Extension will repost in September with possible hiring bonus
- Express need for PT Support Staff; explore option of working with another department; look at funding for remainder of year from CDI open position
- Forest County Focus – Quarterly educational newsletter; Extension staff exploring use of one page newsletter on sharing educational information and resources for Forest County Residents
 - *August 2022: A Focus on Mental Health
 - *Committee members were encouraged to reach out to Extension with ideas for other Areas of Focus
- Transportation for Youth Programming – In order to ensure access for youth programming across the county, need for safe transportation options that align with UW-Madison and Forest County Policies; Michelle Gobert worked with Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Aging Director to explore options. It is possible for aging van to be used, as long as aging has priority, and the van is not in use or needed during youth programming. Tallier made a motion to approve use and move to Aging for Approval and Chaney seconded the motion. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

UWEXT will provide possible options/position descriptions for new position with a focus being on support for building community capacity around grant writing.

SET MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION

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

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Tallier to adjourn, second by Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Amber Rehberg
Area Extension Director