

FOREST COUNTY UWEXT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY UWEXT COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023

TIME: 3:00 PM

PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM, ROOM 107

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson, Ron Karl called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

UWEXT Committee: Tom Tallier, Ron Karl, Brian Piasini, Bill Chaney, Cindy Gretzinger (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: None

UWEXT: Michelle Gobert (present), Amber Rehberg (present), Madyson Dachelet (present), Steve Watson (present), Terri Kolb (present), Kenzie Carlson (present), Mary Stys (absent)

OTHERS PRESENT: None

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Piasini 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 December 6, 2022, UWEXT Committee. Motion by Piasini to approve the December 6, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

UWEXT

- I. Area Extension Director Updates from Amber Rehberg
 - A. Forest County Staff Updates
 1. PYD and CDI Positions
 - a) 4-H/PYD Educator - Currently Michelle is serving in this role. Michelle has resigned effective August 11. Looking to fill this position with 4-H Educator who is .5 FTE in Oneida. She is experienced in 4-H Programming and the programs compliment each other well.
 - b) University options for different resources within the community needs other than Youth Development. Michelle brought up Youth

voice within the community to encourage youth voice in county committee and school board. Bring youth back to the community.

- c) It seems that with the USDA Rural Partners Network and other opportunities, a 1.0 FTE Community Development Educator might be the best fit for Forest County. This would fill the .5 FTE that is open from Chris Stark and .5 FTE from the other ½ of Michelle's PYD position. The focus would be on organizational and leadership development.

Motion to move forward on hiring with .5 FTE employee from Oneida County and pursue 1.0 FTE Community Development Position by Chaney, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

2. Healthy Communities Coordinator/Health & Wellbeing

- a) Candidate accepted offer, no contract yet.
- b) Possible start date August 17th or September 1st.

B. Forest County Focus

1. Educational Newsletter

- a) Discussion regarding a county newsletter with each department contributing.
- b) Next topic PFAS.

C. 2024 Budget Proposal & 2024 Extension Contract - Discussion/Possible Action

- a) 3% increase in educator fees.
- b) Americorp Position for next summer.
- c) Change in travel decrease for 4-H. Funds went to the Health Coordinator and Community Development Position.

Motion to forward to finance by Chaney, second by Piasini. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

II. Program Reports

A. 4-H/Community Youth Development - Michelle Gobert & Madyson Dachelet

- a) Michelle announced moving forward to new job as Wabeno School District Librarian and Media Specialist. Michelle shared updates regarding a few programs offered this spring and summer; County Government Day and 4th Grade FCP Farm Tour.
- b) Madyson updated on the following summer programs; Bee Program, Intro to Gardening, Lego Challenge. Also updated on work for Community Coalition - Contact Database & Record Keeping. Madyson will be at National Night Out & FCP Open House with educational display on vaping.

B. FoodWise - Terri Kolb/Mary Stys

- a) Terri moved to FoodWise Administrator for 8 counties.
- b) Mary Stys will be providing direct FoodWise education in Forest County 20% time. Mary is serving on CAN Coalition to support healthy communities.
- c) FoodWise is completely funded through Federal dollars.

C. National Digital Navigator - Steve Watson

- a) Community programs; Library visits, Parent Cafes at FCP, Workshops. School District visits for Open House and Parent Teacher Conferences. Youth Gaming Program.
 - b) Client Meetings in the community for tech help for printers, phones, computers, smart watches, dog collars.
- D. USDA Community Business/Economic Development Effort in Wabeno - Kenzie Carlson

- a) Kenzie updated on USDA Downtown Economic Development in Wabeno. Went to a June town meeting. Surveys within the Wabeno Community for locals and tourists to fill out. Collection due in August.
- b) Assessment Project for smaller projects within the community. Photograph Project.

- III. JUUL Funding MOU Between Oneida County Health Department & Forest County
- 1. \$5,000 Settlement for Youth Programs; summer and leadership programs
 - a) MOU completed and signed by Cindy Gretzinger, County Board Chair.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

SET MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION

Late October; DTB when Land Conservation Committee Meets. Time 3 p.m. in County Board Room.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Tallier to adjourn, second by Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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