

Eau Claire County Fair & UW Madison Extension

Update for the Eau Claire County Board

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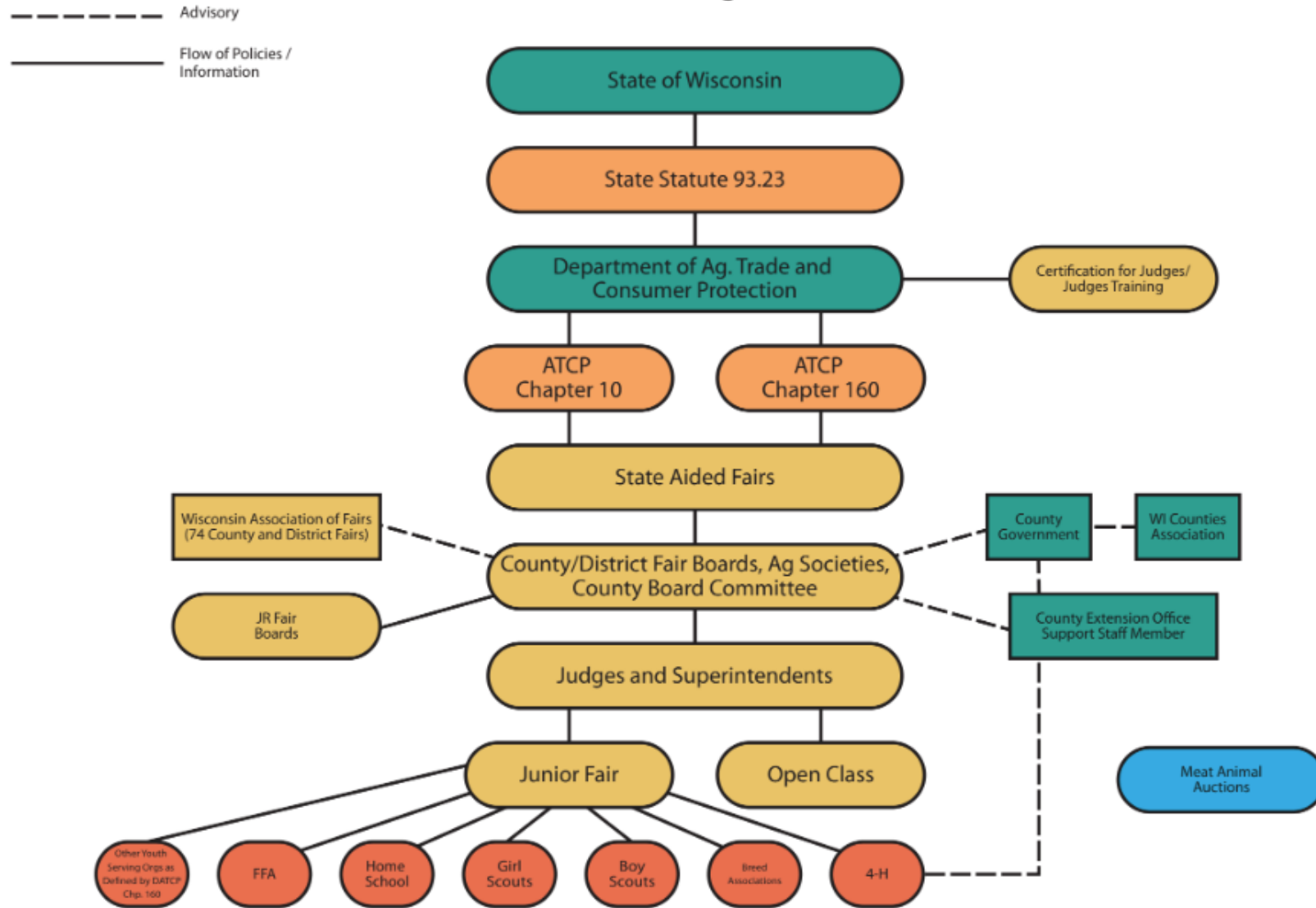
Outline

- Background of where things have been and where they are now
- The re-alignment of Extension's involvement with County Fairs (and in particular the Eau Claire County Fair)
- The future direction of the partnership between the Eau Claire County Fair and Extension

Extension and the Fair

- Budget cuts and organizational structural changes to Extension
- Work with the Wisconsin Association of Fairs to evaluate and seek role clarity
- Formation of the Fairs Advisory Committee in the Fall of 2020

Wisconsin State Aided Fairs Structure (with Partner Organizations)



Note: All youth organizations have their own governing rules pertaining who can represent that organization at county/district fair. Other than that, the Fair Board and the DATCP Junior Fair rules govern the rest (registration, show structure, etc.)

Meat Animal Auctions are open to all eligible youth exhibitors who meet established criteria. Criteria is not outlined in any state statute or policy.

Eau Claire Extension Re-alignment

- Eau Claire County Fair was seen as a “4-H Fair” – a disservice to other youth serving organizations
- Extension does, and will continue to, support the Fair (as it would with any other partner we work with)

Eau Claire County Fair

- The Fair Board and Extension have been working together to align roles and responsibilities as to where they truly fall. The Fair and the Fair Board governs their own fair – not Extension.
- The Fair actively engages Extension, mostly via the 4-H Educator, in their planning and execution of fair functions.



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Additional Resources Available at: <https://shorturl.at/vwV57> (information from the Wisconsin Association of Fair Convention, January 2023)

