

Agenda

Extension Education Committee
July 17, 2024, at 2:00pm
227 1st Street West Altoona, WI 54720
Room 103/104

Those wishing to make public comments can submit their name and address no later than 30 minutes prior to the meeting to Kristi Peterson kristin.peterson@wisc.edu or attend the meeting in person. Comments are limited to three minutes; you will be called on during the public comment section of the meeting.

A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting, however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.

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1. Call to Order and Confirmation of meeting notice
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes – Discussion/Action
 - a. June 19, 2024
5. Fair Update – Discussion
 - a. Fair Transition Update
 - b. Eau Claire County Fair: July 21 – July 28 Expo Grounds
6. Monthly Highlights
7. Educator Report – Margo Dieck, Health & Well-Being Educator

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8. AED Report – Kristen Bruder
 - a. 2025 136 contract
 - b. Agriculture Position - update
9. Future Meeting Dates: Joint Budget meeting with Finance and Budget August 8, 2024, at 1:00pm
in County board room. Extension meeting after in room 3312
10. Future agenda items
11. Announcements
12. Adjourned

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Minutes

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1. Call to Order and Confirmation of meeting notice at 2:00pm by Heather Deluka.
2. Roll Call: Heather Deluka, Nick Smiar, Lorelee Clark, Bob Swanson and Joe Knight.

Others present: Kristi Peterson, Kristen Bruder, Andy Heren, Sandy Tarter, Margaret Murphy, Margo Dieck, Garret Zastoupil, Jerry Clark, Joy Weisner, Tammy Schlewitz, Kevin Adams

3. Public Comment – Introduction Kevin Adams Trempeleau County
4. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes – Discussion/Action
 - a. May 15, 2024, Lorelee Clark moves and Joe Knight seconds. All in favor.
5. Fair Update – Tammy Schlewitz gave an overview of fair progress. By-laws are nearly finalized. July 2 public forum for by-laws. Still recruiting volunteers.
6. AED Report – Kristen Bruder
 - a. Meet the team – All Extension staff provided an overview of their positions.
 - b. Agriculture Educator update – Currently weighing options if position should be livestock or dairy focused.
 - c. Division of Extension – County Partnership Guidance
7. Monthly Highlights were reviewed.
8. Financial – Kristi Peterson provided the quarterly financial overview.
9. 2025 Budget Draft - Reviewed
10. Future agenda items –
 - a. Joint finance and budget meeting July 17, 2024, 2:00pm determine location.

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b. Educator report - Margo Dieck

c. 2025 - 136 Contract

d. Monthly Highlights

11. Announcements – Beaver Creek Butterfly house open July 5, 2024

12. Adjourned at 4:02pm

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EAU CLAIRE COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE FAIR BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: MISSION STATEMENT

"The Eau Claire County Fair aims to support and strengthen a community of young individuals by providing them with opportunities to learn leadership, citizenship, and life skills. All youth organizations that participate in the fair share the same goal of promoting positive youth development. Our objective is to secure the necessary resources to ensure financial stability and guarantee the future of the Eau Claire County Fair as a family and youth-focused community event."

ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS

- 1) *Board of Directors*: (Do we need to define this? Is this a thing?)
- 2) *Committee Chair*: The committee chair is responsible for overseeing committee meetings, communicating milestones, and keeping committee members on track.
- 3) *Director*: One of six (6) elected positions, usually Committee Chairs, that sit on the Executive Board as a voting member.
- 4) *Executive Board*: The Executive Board consists of 9-11 elected members with voting rights (5-Executive Officers and up to 6-Directors).
- 5) *Executive Officers*: One of five (5) elected positions to include:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Corresponding Secretary
- 6) *Fiscal Year*: The Organization's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of November of each calendar year and shall conclude on the last day of October of the succeeding calendar year. There shall be an independent audit of the Organization's financial records following the conclusion of each fiscal year.
- 7) *Organization*: As used in these Bylaws, the term "Organization" means the Eau Claire County Friends of the Fair.
- 8) *Voting Members*: Any member who has met the membership requirements each year and has paid their annual dues. A Voting Member does **not** have to be on the Executive Board. A Voting Member can be ages 16 +, should be actively involved in planning and

executing the Fair, and from diverse organizations of the geographic districts served by the Organization.

ARTICLE III: EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 1) Composition. The Executive Board shall consist of no less than 9, and no more than 11 individuals who have met the requirements of membership and are in good standing according to the membership rules, before the new year's annual meeting when elections occur. The Executive Officers consist of five (5) elected position filling the roles of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. The Directors consist of up to six (6) elected members (usually Committee Chairs), that sit on the Executive Board as a voting member.
- 2) General Powers. The business affairs, activities, and property of the Organization shall be conducted and managed by its Executive Board.
- 3) Advisor. The immediate past president of the Organization shall serve as an advisor to the Executive Board.
- 4) Terms of Office. Elected Officers and Directors shall serve two-year, staggered terms. No Elected Officer or Director may serve more than three (3) consecutive two-year terms on the Executive Board. After serving three (3) consecutive terms, members must get off the executive board for one (1) year before being re-elected. The Executive Officers shall hold elections at the annual meeting as follows:
 - a. **President:** November of 2026 and all **even** numbered years thereafter.
 - b. **Vice President:** November of 2026 and all **even** numbered years thereafter.
 - c. **Secretary:** November of 2025 and all **odd** numbered years thereafter.
 - d. **Treasurer:** November of 2025 and all **odd** numbered years thereafter.
 - e. **Corresponding Secretary:** November of 2025 and all **odd** numbered years thereafter.
- 5) Resignation or Removal of Elected Officers, Directors, Fair Coordinator, or Volunteers. An elected Officer or Director may resign at any time by filing a written resignation with the Secretary of the Organization. An elected Officer, Director, Fair Coordinator, or Volunteer may be removed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the other **voting members** then in office. Documentation must be presented IN WRITING detailing any cause for removal to the **Executive Board** for consideration. A meeting will be held with the individual involved to allow for a detailed understanding of the events before any action is taken.
- 6) Filling the Vacancy of an Elected Officer or Director. A vacancy caused by the death, resignation, removal, or term expiration of an elected Officer or Director shall be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining **voting members**.

ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE OFFICER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) President. The President of the Organization's Executive Board shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Organization and shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board. The President shall appoint the members of all *ad hoc* committees of the Board and shall serve as an *ex-officio* member of each such committee. The President shall present a report at the annual meeting of the Executive Board covering the operations during the preceding fiscal year. The President is authorized to sign, execute, and acknowledge on behalf of the Organization any and all deeds, mortgages, notes, bonds, contracts, leases, reports, and other documents or instruments necessary or proper to the Organization's regular business, interests, or purposes, or which may be authorized by resolution by the Executive Board. The President shall also perform all duties incident to his/her office or that may be authorized by resolution of the Executive Board from time to time.
- 2) Vice President. The Vice President shall be the Chief Operating Officer of the Organization and shall have the authority to manage the day-to-day business affairs, activities, and property of the Organization as directed by the Executive Board. The Vice President shall be an *ex-officio* member of each *ad hoc* committee of the Board. With the advice and consent of the executive committee of the Executive Board, the Vice President shall also have the authority to accept or refuse gifts tendered to the Organization. At each regular meeting of the Executive Board, the Vice President shall provide a written report of any non-monetary gifts that have been accepted or rejected by the Organization since the preceding regular meeting of the Board. The Vice President shall also have the authority to liquidate a previously accepted, non-liquid gift of marketable securities (e.g., stocks, bonds, and certificates of deposit) up to \$10,000.00 to invest that gift, after receiving written authorization from both the President and the Treasurer, the document will require the signatures of each officer. The Vice President shall also fulfill the duties of the President whenever the President is absent or otherwise unable to perform those duties.
- 3) Secretary. The Secretary shall provide notice of all meetings of the Executive Board, keep minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board, retain corporate records, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President.
- 4) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds and other property of the Organization as well as advising the Executive Board regarding the Organization's financial condition and the investment and expenditure of its funds. He/she is authorized to execute documents or instruments necessary or proper to the Organization's financial interest or which may be authorized by resolution by the Executive Board, and to perform such other duties that may be specifically assigned to him/her by the President. The Treasurer shall secure a bond executed by a Corporate Surety approved by the Board of Directors for the faithful performance of the duties of the officers for the Organization. The face amount of the bond shall at no time be less than the amount of the Organization funds for which the Treasurer is responsible. The premium of the bond shall be paid out of the funds of the Organization.

- 5) Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall compose and send all correspondence required by the Organization, chair the Partnership Committee, the Hospitality Committee, and perform such other duties as assigned by the President.

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES/COORDINATORS

- 1) Partnership Committee. This committee, chaired by the Corresponding Secretary will include the Treasurer and other interested Board members. The Committee shall record data of all donors and active, contributing members and maintain mailing lists and contact information.
- 2) Event Committees. These Committees are responsible for the coordination and promotion of special events held during the Eau Claire County Fair.
- 3) Livestock Education Committee. The Livestock Education Committee is responsible for planning meetings, which should include; educational events, Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), animal selection, nutrition, and fitting and showing clinics.
- 4) Livestock Market Animal & Auction Committee. This committee is responsible for setting the rules and expectations for the Market Animal Exhibitors, monitoring points, planning weigh-ins/tag distributions, and all other business related to the Livestock Market Animals and Auction. This committee is the business end of the Livestock Project. See Article XI for fiscal responsibilities.
- 5) Fair Coordinator. The voting members shall vote to hire a Fair Coordinator for a two-year term, which is a paid salary position at the September meeting. The Fair Coordinator will have a yearly review in August to ensure the individual in the position is still meeting the requirements of the Friends of the Fair. Concerns regarding the Fair Coordinator and their position must be put in writing to the Executive Board for review. The position will be advertised in early August and applications will be due and interviews will take place at the end of August with the Executive Board. The salary will be determined at the time of hire. Duties are outlined in the Fair Coordinator description document. (See Appendix A).
- 6) Fair Coordinator Assistant. A Fair Coordinator Assistant will be hired if the need arises and is demonstrated by the Executive Board and the Fair Coordinator that there is a need based on workload. The individual may be hired anytime during the fiscal year, by working with the Executive Board to advertise, interview and provide eligible candidates to the Friends of the Fair voting members. The Assistant Coordinator works in conjunction with the Fair Coordinator and would be able to step into the Fair Coordinator position upon the Fair Coordinator's retirement or replacement. Responsibilities include but are not limited to those specified in the Fair Coordinator description. Specific duties will be assigned in writing by the Organization and the Fair Coordinator. Compensation to be determined by the Executive Board, based on previous experience and time commitment.

- 7) *Social Media Coordinator*. The social media coordinator is a volunteer position for the organization, who shall serve for a one year elected term that coincides with the organization's fiscal calendar. The Social Media Coordinator shall maintain the organization's social media platforms and work collaboratively with the Webmaster and Fair Coordinator. The responsibilities of the Social Media Coordinator include the following: create and post resources and news across all social media platforms; solicit material for platform post and assist in navigating the association's various social media platforms.
- 8) *Ad Hoc Committees*. The Executive Board may create *ad hoc* committees by resolution to assist it in carrying out the business affairs and activities of the organization. The resolution shall specify the name, purpose, and duration of the *ad hoc* committee. An *ad hoc* committee may consist of directors, officers, and/or other persons.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

- 1) *Regular Meetings*. Regular meetings of the organization will meet monthly.
- 2) *Special Meetings*. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President of the Executive Board or by a written request of three (3) Directors.
- 3) *Annual Meetings*. The annual meeting of the Friends of the Fair shall be held in November of each calendar year at a place, date, and time selected by the President of the Organization. All Officers and Directors are elected at the Annual Meeting.
- 4) *Notice of Meetings*. A notice of the place, date, time, and purpose of a meeting shall be given to all **voting members**, either personally or to their designated email address at least ten (10) days prior to the time of that meeting.
- 5) *Decision-Making In Between Meetings*. With the exception of electing officers or filling vacancies on the Executive Board, the Executive Officers may, in its discretion, exercise the full power of the Executive Board between monthly meetings, to include during the Fair week.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP

- 1) *Qualifications*. Any person interested in the Eau Claire County Fair may become a member of this Organization on approval of the Executive Board and by completing the following:
 - a. Be 16 years of age or older;
 - b. Pay the annual dues of \$20 no later than January 1st each year to be an eligible voter;
 - c. Actively be involved in planning and executing the Eau Claire County Fair; and
 - d. Attend a minimum of eight (8) meetings each fiscal year.
- 2) *Terms*. Annual memberships shall be from November 1st of the current year to October 31st of the following year.

- 3) *Disqualifications*. Any member who fails to be an active, contributing member and/or fails to pay their annual \$20 dues shall be expelled from membership (for the following year?) as of the annual meeting date in November of the year in which annual dues remain unpaid.

ARTICLE VIII: VOTING

- 1) *Voting Members*: Each member who has paid their \$20 dues, been an active, contributing member for the current fiscal year (November 1st to October 31st), is at least 16 years of age and is present at a minimum of eight (8) meetings annually, shall be entitled to one vote. You do not have to be on the Executive Board to be a voting member.
- 2) *Quorum*. A simple majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Executive Board. A voting member participating in any meeting by video or audio-conferencing equipment shall NOT be counted.
- 3) *Special Circumstance Voting*. Under special circumstances, the acting President may call for a vote by email. If an email vote is cast, copies of the emails will be stored and forwarded to the Secretary. The President will inform the membership of the vote outcome.

ARTICLE VIII: INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS

- 1) *Liability of Directors and Officers*. No person shall be liable to the Organization for any loss or damage suffered by it on account of any action taken or omitted to be taken by him/her as a Director or Officer of the Organization or any other Organization in which he/she serves as a Director or Officer at the request of the Organization, in good faith, if such person:
 - a. exercised and used the same degree of care and skill as a prudent person would have exercised or used under the circumstances in the conduct of their own affairs, or
 - b. took or omitted to take such action in reliance upon the advice of the counsel for the Organization or upon statements made or information furnished by Officers or employees of the Organization which they had reasonable grounds to believe to be true.
- 2) *Indemnity of Officers and Directors*. Every person who is or was a Director or Officer of the Organization, and any person who may have served at its request as a Director or Officer of another Organization in which it owns shares of capital stock or of which it is a creditor, shall (together with the heirs, executors, and administrators of that person) be indemnified by the Organization against all costs, damages, and expenses asserted against, incurred by, or imposed upon him/her in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit, or proceeding, including criminal proceedings, to which they are made

or threatened to be made a party by reason of their being or having been such Director or Officer, except in relation to matters as to which a recovery shall be had against him/her by reason of his/her having been finally adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to have been guilty of fraud in the performance of their duty as such Officer or Director. This indemnity shall include reimbursement of amounts and expenses incurred and paid in settling any such claim, action, suit, or proceeding. In the case of a criminal action, suit, or proceeding, a conviction or judgment (whether based on a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, or after trial) shall not be deemed an adjudication that such Director or Officer is guilty of fraud in the performance of their duties, if such Director or Officer was acting in good faith in what they considered to be the best interests of the Organization and with no reasonable cause to believe that the action was illegal.

- 3) *Indemnification of Employees and Agents.* The Organization, by resolution of its voting members, may indemnify in like manner, or with any limitation, any employee or agent, or former employer or former agent, of the Organization with respect to any action taken or not taken in their capacity as an employee or agent.
- 4) *Indemnification Provided in this Article Not Exclusive.* The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled as a matter of law.
- 5) *Liability Insurance.* This Organization may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer of the Organization, or is or was serving at the request of the Organization as a director or officer of another Organization, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him/her and incurred by him/her in any such capacity or arising out of his/her status as such, whether or not the Organization would have the power to indemnify him/her against such liability under this Article VII.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

All provisions of these Bylaws shall be subject to amendments by an affirmative vote of a majority of the **Voting Members** at any annual, regular, or special meeting of the Executive Board provided that notice of the proposed amendment was included in the notice for such meeting.

ARTICLE X: FAIR OPERATION AND GRANTS

- 1) *Fair Operation.* The Executive Board may approve expenses that are specific to the operation of the fair that are under \$250. Anything over \$250 needs to be voted on by the voting membership. The President is responsible for signing all contracts.
- 2) *Grant Requests.* All Grants requested for the fair will require a vote of the voting membership.

ARTICLE XI: EAU CLAIRE COUNTY LIVESTOCK PROJECT FISCAL COMMITTEE

Responsibility and Reporting. The Eau Claire County Livestock Project, to be compliant with the State of Wisconsin DATCP reporting requirements for the auction held in conjunction with the Eau Claire County Fair, will be required to provide a detailed report (of what?) at all regularly scheduled meetings. The Livestock Project will continue to have its own separate account from the organization and be responsible for all accounting of transactions, income, and debts, of the project. The Livestock Project account is in no way tied to the Organization's account and the Organization will not be responsible for any fiscal mismanagement of the Livestock Project accounts.

ARTICLE XII: ASSETS

- 1) *Benefit of Assets.* No part of the assets of the Organization shall inure to the benefit of any Director or Officer of the Organization or any private individual except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered in carrying out the purposes of the Organization.
- 2) *Dissolution.* Upon the dissolution of the Organization, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Organization, dispose of all the assets of the Organization in such manner that is consistent with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Executive Board shall determine.

ARTICLE XIII: CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the Organization's policy that Officers, Directors and Voting Members maintain a working environment that encourages mutual respect, promotes civil and congenial relationships among its members, and is free from all forms of harassment and violence. To ensure orderly operations and provide the best possible work environment, the Organization expects members to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner as judged by a reasonable person to protect the interests and safety of all its members.

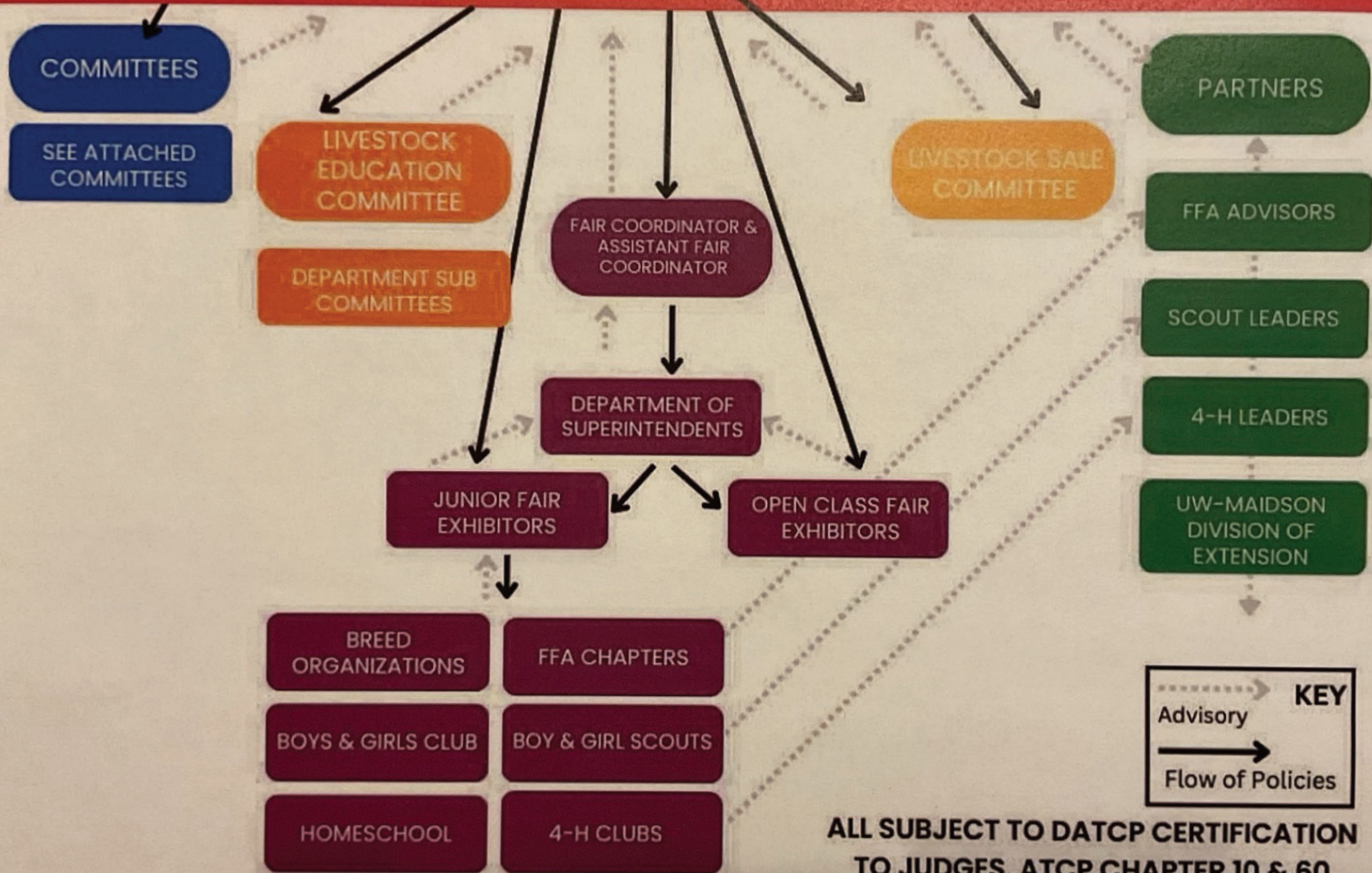
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3/1/2022 REVIEW MEETING/ACTION
04/26/2022 VOTE APPROVAL

APPENDIX A: Fair Coordinator Job Description

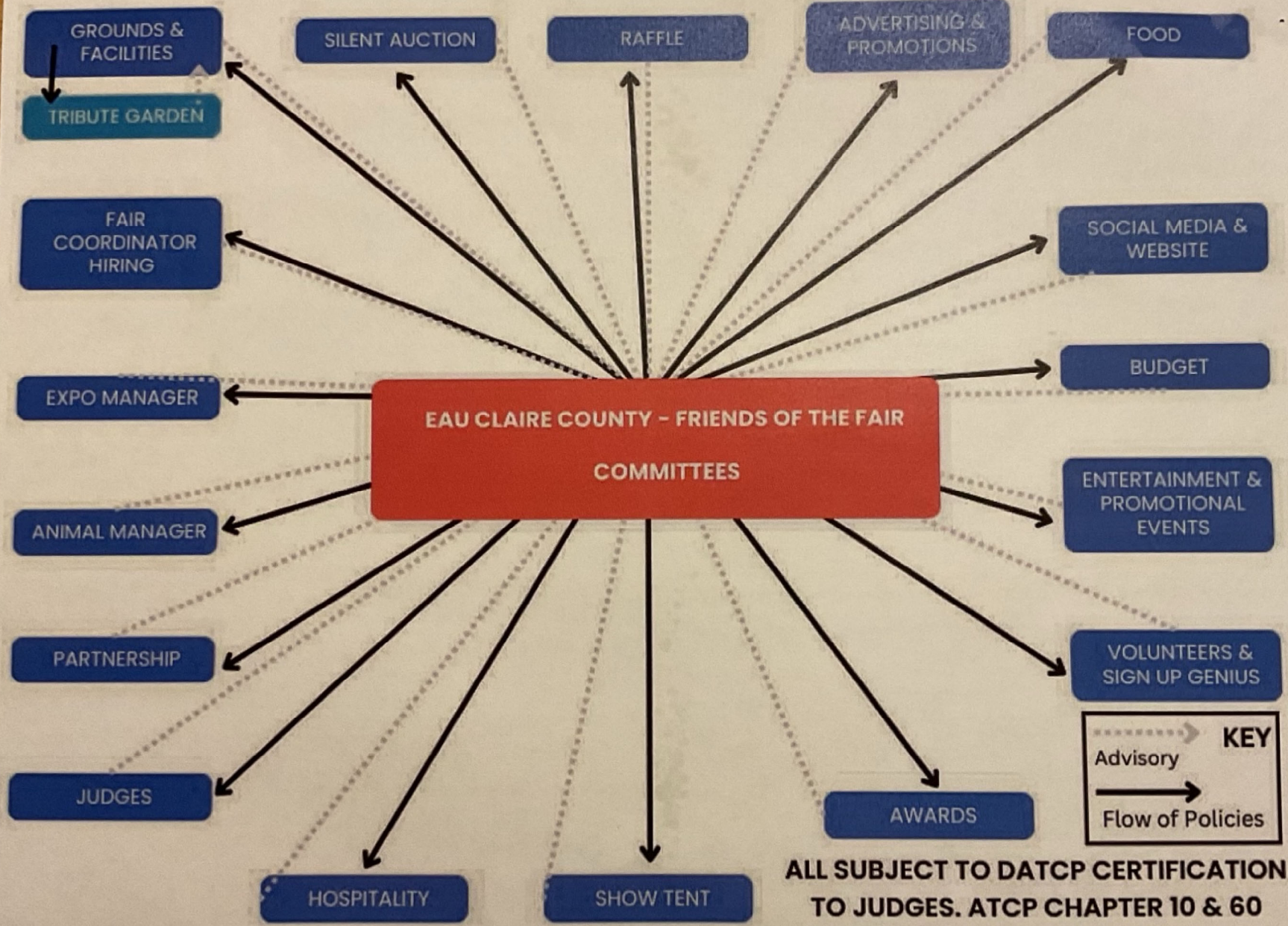
APPENDIX B: Organizational Chart

Eau Claire County Fair - Friends of the Fair

Board of Directors elected positions. 9-11 voting Members.



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GROUNDS & FACILITIES
 TRIBUTE GARDEN

SILENT AUCTION

RAFFLE

ADVERTISING & PROMOTIONS

FOOD

FAIR COORDINATOR HIRING

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE

EXPO MANAGER

BUDGET

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY - FRIENDS OF THE FAIR COMMITTEES

ANIMAL MANAGER

ENTERTAINMENT & PROMOTIONAL EVENTS

PARTNERSHIP

VOLUNTEERS & SIGN UP GENIUS

JUDGES

AWARDS

HOSPITALITY

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Agriculture

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Jerry Clark | Regional Crops & Soils Educator



A field event for farmers and industry and agency professionals where participants viewed and learned the benefits and challenges of inter-seeding alfalfa with corn silage to increase seasonal forage production, soil conservation, and farm profitability.

A field event for farmers where participants learned production and marketing strategies for winter barley and winter rye to increase cropping system flexibility, soil conservation, and potential farm profitability.

An on-farm research study for farmers, agriculture industry and agency professionals where manure application and nitrogen credits will be evaluated to better understand the effect of corn yield to validate current nitrogen rates and manure credits for corn production and protect ground and surface water quality.

**SPOTLIGHT

Farmers are seeking alternative crops to add to their corn and soybean rotations to minimize crop inputs. A field event was held to discuss winter barley and winter rye production practices. An on-farm research project is being conducted to evaluate winter barley varieties. Farmers learned about agronomic recommendations and marketing opportunities and challenges with production of winter barley. Discussion focused on planting dates, seeding rates, crop protection, and harvest to produce quality barley for the malting industry. Information was provided about winter rye and winter barley as cover crops with production for grain production was also discussed. Twenty-two varieties are being evaluated as part of an on-farm research project. Regional educators leading discussion were Becky Brathal, Barron, Pierce, and St. Croix counties and Jerry Clark, Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire counties. All farmers indicated they increased their knowledge of growing winter barley and management of winter rye. A news story was developed from the field event.



UW-Extension agriculture educator Jerry Clark shows off a test crop of winter barley. A test plot with a variety of winter barley and winter rye has been planted to see which strains will produce the best yields and qualities.

Regional Dairy Educator

This position is currently vacant

Horticulture

Margaret Murphy | Horticulture Educator

A UW- Madison Extension booth at a free event to promote June Dairy Month and National Pollinator Week for the public where pollinator-based information was provided for participants to learn the value of creating

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June 2024 Report



ecological niches in their landscape, allowing urban areas to support a host of different insect pollinators. This effort is to encourage individuals to adopt gardening practices that support pollinator habitat and health throughout the year.

An article on the ruby throated hummingbird published in the Extension in the Valley, tri-county monthly newsletter that focuses on Agriculture and Horticulture news, where participants learned landscaping ideas to support hummingbirds plus, received links to current garden and pest topics as well as upcoming events. This effort is designed to keep participants connected to current horticulture matters.

A program to create clay pot bird baths for people living with dementia and their care partners to create a space to view backyard birds. This effort offers hands-on experience to encourage the use of fine motor skills, offer a sense of fulfillment, stimulate the senses and connect participants to nature.

A tour of a native plant pollinator garden and a native plant rain garden for the public where pollinator and native plant information was provided for participants. This effort is to encourage individuals to adopt gardening practices that support pollinator habitat and health throughout the year.

Planning a 5-week garden program for youth. The goal of this effort is to teach best practices in the garden through hands-on activities, promote cultural connections with plants, instill life-long healthy eating habits and to foster connections to nature.

Two vegetable container garden programs for participating seniors in StrongBodies where they learned strategies for successful container gardening and wellness benefits, we gain through gardening. This effort is designed to encourage people of all ages to garden for wellness and food, even if space, time and/or mobility is limited.

****SPOTLIGHT**

Responded to a request from the Center Director of the Boys and Girls Club of the Greater Chippewa Valley-Menomonie to develop a winter garden-based program for youth. Research supports the mental, emotional, social and physical benefits that gardening provides children. This program together with a continuing summer program helps provide hands-on experience for kids to learn best practices in gardening. Developed monthly, hands-on activities for youth to participate in while learning gardening skills and information about plants and plant needs. I engage with participants to help them with tasks, answer questions and ask for their input regarding future gardening endeavors.

Community Development

Garret Zastoupil | Community Development Educator



I have been meeting with a variety of governmental and nonprofit agencies to understand community needs, assets, and opportunities as I build my program of work.

I attended the Rural Partners Network state-wide federal workshop for rural partners designed to bring community representatives together to foster progress through community action. The all-day workshop included panel discussions and activities that included actions being taken to foster more and more financially accessible rural housing, economic development, and healthcare. The Director

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of Human Services for Dunn County, myself, and the Dunn County Human Development & Relationships Educator were invited by Rural Partners Network and the United States Department of Agriculture to attend this workshop. The workshop itself showcased the availability of federal and state funds that can help rural counties move forward in areas including housing.

I have held exploratory meetings with Tianna Glenna, Director of Criminal Justice Services for Eau Claire County to prepare a strategic planning process for the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC). I will be meeting with the Executive Committee next month to further refine the planning exercise structure. I have conducted background research on CJCC structures and sought guidance from UW-Madison experts and federal resources.

I attended the County Officials Workshop Sponsored by the Local Government Education Program of UW-Madison Division of Extension and Wisconsin Counties Association.



Colleagues interested in increasing rural housing gather for a photo at the Rural Partners Network Workshop, in Rothschild, Wisconsin on June 13, 2024.

Health & Well-Being

Sandy Tarter
FoodWise Coordinator



Joy Weisner
FoodWise Educator



Jael M. Wolf
Bilingual FoodWise Educator



A 6-week series with Boys and Girls Club Youth at the North River Fronts Kids Garden in collaboration with the Master Gardener Volunteers. This effort integrates nutrition education with gardening and aims to increase exposure to fruits and vegetables by tending a garden, help youth learn parts of the plants, and provide tasting of a variety of fruits and vegetables.

A conference with multiple youth-serving organizations to advance understanding of local data related to youth health disparities, assess data gaps, and available organizations. This effort will contribute to initiatives that address the priority of youth connectedness in our community.

Meeting with Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association Elder Advocate to discuss their program, build relationships, and plan culturally relevant programming. This effort will enhance the elders' understanding of nutrition related to fruits and vegetables along with proper handling and storage. Direct Education to take place in September.

A meeting with Eau Claire Health Alliance - Chronic Disease Prevention Action Team to discuss current projects and community initiatives. This effort supports the Lake Street Farmers Market and includes the Rural Eau Claire

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County Food Environment Project to gain more knowledge about the food environment in rural Eau Claire County.

A collaboration with Eau Claire Master Gardener Volunteers, Eau Claire City Parks and Recreation, and Chippewa Valley Builders Association to start activities in implementing the FoodWise Garden Grant program. This effort will replace 6 raised beds and widen pathways for accessibility in the North River Fronts Kids Garden.

**SPOTLIGHT

The North River Fronts Kids Garden has been in existence for 18 years. FoodWise collaborates with the Eau Claire Master Gardener Volunteers to provide garden and nutrition education to the Boys and Girls Club youth each summer. Overall wear and tear along with weather impact has broken down the raised beds. FoodWise submitted a garden grant application with details of partners, work to be done, budgeting, and plan to include the community. The funding was secured for work to be started summer to fall 2024 after the direct education was completed. More specific impacts to come but overall, this work will ensure the Kids Garden to continue for many years.

Margo Dieck | Health and Well-Being Educator



Planning for a presentation on the Professional Quality of Life (ProQOL) screener for staff employed by the Eau Claire County Department of Human Services and the Great Rivers Consortium. The goal is to assess staff wellbeing after pandemic-era work in the realm of compassion satisfaction and compassion fatigue so that the two agencies can better support staff mental health and wellbeing.

Participation and membership in the United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley's (UWGCV) Health Advisory Council, which consists of community leaders and local professionals with expertise and/or interest in health, with particular focus on the top issues identified in the Community Health Assessment. The Advisory Council's guides impact efforts in the Chippewa Valley by identifying community needs and supporting efforts to achieve the UWGCV Bold Goal.

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Responded to a request from the Director of the Eau Claire County Department of Human Services and the Economic Support Consortium Administrator of the Great Rivers Consortium to provide a presentation on professional quality of life to staff, administer the Professional Quality of Life (ProQOL) screener with staff, and talk about long-term partnership goals.

Positive Youth Development

Rachel Hart-Brinson | 4-H Program Educator



A camp orientation meeting where families could see pictures of what camp will look like and ask questions. We hoped that this meeting would help provide a sense of belonging for participating families and youth and reduce anxiety associated with a sleepaway camp experience.

An Outpost Camp experience where high school 4-Hers helped lead activities for youth participants in grades 7-9. This event was to provide an opportunity for campers to try new things, work collaboratively, make new friends, and experience sleeping outdoors.

4-H Summer Base camp at Kamp Kenwood where high school 4-Hers helped lead a sleepaway camp experience where youth in grades 3-6 tried new things, made new friends, and participated in a variety of activities.

A fiber arts camp in partnership with the Eau Claire Area School District where we practiced weaving techniques and sewed a simple bag. This was an opportunity for youth interested in fiber arts to learn new skills and explore their spark of fiber arts.

A New Family Orientation meeting with a virtual option to support new families in understanding the relationship to the Eau Claire County Fair, how to fill out record books, and answer questions about the Eau Claire County 4-H Program.

Planning for a series of Day Camps for cloverbuds and youth in grades 3-5 has begun in collaboration with Dunn, Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties. The goal is to allow the youth to explore sparks and allow non-4-H members to learn about the program, so that they will become involved or more involved with 4-H.

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Day Camps have not been offered for the past few years. During my Needs Assessment, I saw that day camps were wanted in the county. I recruited the help of the other county 4-H Educators and interns. Then we began to pick dates and times for the camps. We are in the process of finding locations, picking themes and planning activities. We hope that more people will be aware of 4-H through these day camps. We also hope that current members are more engaged in the program. Finally, we hope to offer hands-on education to the participants.

Area Extension Director

Kristen Bruder | Eau Claire, Chippewa, and Dunn Counties



The role of the AED is like that of the department head in the county. If you have ideas, thoughts, or want to chat about Extension please reach out! Below is a brief overview of the role of AEDs:

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Through the many interactions the AED has with county partners and local educators, the AED develops a solid understanding of the local needs and county priorities and helps to align Extension educational programs to ensure the programs address county needs. Educators also communicate local needs to their programmatic Institutes which collectively identify opportunities to address statewide needs.

Value Added Programming

A Badger Talks speech was given in Janesville in support of the UW Alumni Association and their Taste of Wisconsin program for UW's 175th Anniversary. (Allison Jonjak)

A fungicide 80% bloom application was made in support of the Plant Pathology program, to determine products, rates, and use patterns that may support Wisconsin growers in protecting cranberries from disease while reducing the risk of resistance. (Allison Jonjak, Leslie Holland)

A University of Wisconsin-Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association introduction day was planned and held. The new Executive Director was introduced to five administrators/deans within UW, and toured the labs of eight researchers, to establish rapport and understanding to continue to keep research partnerships strong. (Allison Jonjak, Amaya Atucha, Anne Pfeiffer, Heidi Johnson, Jed Colquhoun, Leslie Holland, Megan Sankey)

A Wisconsin Cranberry Research & Education Foundation meeting was held to review building progress on the new machine shop, development of the planting of the 9 new acres of hybrid vines, and to introduce the new WSCGA Executive Director to all members of the Wisconsin Cranberry Research and Education Foundation. (Allison Jonjak)

A Women in Agriculture and Foreign Trade for Wisconsin Specialty Crops meeting was held with USDA Under Secretary Alexis Taylor, at the Wisconsin Cranberry Research Station. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize Under Secretary Taylor with women in Wisconsin Specialty Crop Agriculture, and to strengthen relationships across grazing, cranberries, potatoes, dairy, carrots, beef, and other specialty crops. (Allison Jonjak)

Grower questions were answered on moss control, black headed fireworm pheromone trap timing, sulfur and pH applications, bloom progression, and how to obtain a honeybee hive inspection, among others. (Allison Jonjak, Jed Colquhoun)

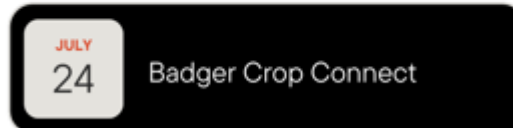
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An interview with Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine and the WSCGA was given to improve DNR understanding of cranberry growth and to support public outreach. A Badger Talks speech was given in Janesville in support of the UW Alumni Association and their Taste of Wisconsin program for UW's 175th Anniversary. A Badger Talks speech was given in Janesville in support of the UW Alumni Association and their Taste of Wisconsin program for UW's 175th Anniversary.

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