

**Minutes of the Marquette County Extension Education Committee
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – County Board Room, Montello**

Let the record show that Committee Members Present were: John Bennett, and Dennis Fenner. Ken Borzick was absent.. Also in attendance were Ron Barger, Administrator, and Jacob Hansen, IT Department.

Staff Present: Hannah Zellmer, Pat Wagner

Call Meeting to Order- Meeting was called to order by Fenner at 10:10 a.m. and is being recorded on WebEX.

Approve Agenda- motion by John Bennett with second by Dennis Fenner to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approve December Minutes- no discussion–motion to approve the minutes by Dennis Fenner and second by John Bennett. Motion carried to approve December minutes as published.

Citizens' Input- none

Educator Reports: Written reports submitted and attached to the agenda from Hannah Zellmer, Human Development and Relationships Educator and Christa Van Treeck, 4-H Youth Development Educator. Zellmer shared a summary of her current programming.

Area Extension Director Report:

- 1) Division of Extension Update–Chancellor Mnookin leaving the UW at the end of spring semester. She supported the Wisconsin Idea and saw great value in Extension's work for bringing the information of the University to the people of Wisconsin. Extension continues to work on a 5% budget cut and county, co-funded positions will not be part of cuts.
- 2) Understanding AI – <https://extension.wisc.edu/aiforums/> register now. Wagner will forward information to department heads.
- 3) MOU – discussion of annual listening session. Fenner moved that the listening session for 2026 be postponed until 2027 since the 2025 listening session was a success and all data collected was contributed to the strategic planning process. Second by John Bennett. Motion carried.

Vouchers – no questions

Report of Extension Education Committee Members

a. Reports of official meetings held in the prior month

i. Fair Committee - January Fair Board meeting was good–Board approved some entertainment for the July 15-19, 2026 event which included: Tractor Pulls: Thursday (Farm classes) & Friday (Hot Rod); Friday (Youth Meat Animal Auction); and Saturday (Rodeo / Bull Riding). Fairest of Fair and Fair Intern applications were released. Likely no carnival. Looking at an all week event for 2026, beginning on Monday.

ii. Upcoming Events/Issues (for discussion only) - Intercounty Coordinating Committee meeting is February 16, 2026 in Mauston (Juneau Co. hosting).

iii. Next Meeting Date - the next meeting will be May 12, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Adjourn-Fenner declared the meeting adjourned at 10:34.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wagner, Area Extension Director