

Bayfield County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee Meeting
August 13, 2025 – 9:00 AM
In-Person at the County Annex- EOC
And Remotely via Microsoft Teams meeting

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Steve Sandstrom, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Members present: Steve Sandstrom, Jeff Olsen, & Larry Fickbohm

Members absent: Fred Strand, & Jeff Holte

Others present: Mary Pardee, & Theresa LaChappelle

2. 2026 UW-Extension Budget Discussion – Discussion and Possible Action Item

Capital Projects

VFW Building & Sheds - Committee members will look at the sheds and VFW building and pass on their recommendations for security measures, repairs and/or replacement.

HDR Laptop – Consensus that Bayfield County and Ashland County should split the cost of a new laptop for the HDR Educator.

Revenue – UW-Madison provides a yearly stipend for postage.

Contractual Services – Contractual Services is the line item where the wages for the educators are paid from.

Health & Well-being position – Discussion on potential funding for this position, including savings from positions that are currently vacant and from grants.

(Fickbohm, Olsen) Motion to follow through with using the unused funds from the vacant Housing Educator position and the vacant 4-H Communication position to fund a Health & Well Being Extension Educator position.

Consensus to approve and move the proposed 2026 budget forward.

3. Next Meeting Date - Tentatively scheduled for September 10, 2025 at 4:15 pm in the EOC.

4. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.