

Agricultural Education and Workforce Development Council

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wisconsin Technical College System Office

4622 University Avenue, Entrance E; McCarthy Board Room

Madison, WI

And via Zoom

Council Members present:

x	Kevin Bernhardt	x	Tom Gillis		Sen. Howard Marklein*		Jill Runde*
x	Gary Besaw	x	Bob Hagenow	x	Karl J. Martin	x	Sara Schoenborn
x	Gwen Boettcher	x	Erik Huschitt	x	Shelly Mayer	x	Daniel Smith
x	Greg Cisewski		Pete Kondrup*	x	Rep. Loren Oldenburg	x	Nick Stadnyk
	Sen. Alberta Darling	x	Corey Kuchta	x	Paul Palmby	x	Rep. Gary Tauchen
x	Jeff Edgar	x	Larry Lee	x	Sec. Amy Pechacek	x	Sharon Wendt
x	Jeff Eide	x	Miranda Leis		Sam Ridders*	x	Jason Wood
x	Monica Gahan	x	Betsy Leonard	x	Sec. Randy Romanski		
	Dale Gallenberg*	x	Scott Loomans	x	John Rosenow		

*Excused

In-person

Virtual

Staff present: Jenifer Cole, DWD; Ashley Andre, DATCP; Kietra Olson, WEDC; Rachel Keith, Sen. Darling's Office

Public present: None

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Chair Schoenborn called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Introductions

Attendance for hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting noted above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

March 30, 2022 – Sec. Pechacek moved to approve, B. Leonard seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Agricultural and Natural Resources Education at Tribal Colleges

Council member G. Besaw introduced Dr. Frank Kutka, Sustainable Agriculture Faculty at the College of Menominee Nation, a land grant institution of higher education chartered by the Menominee Indian Tribe. Dr. Kutka provided an overview of agricultural and natural resources education and degree programs at the College:

- Approximately 225,000 acres on the Menominee reservation are heavily forested, so forestry management is at the core of the Menominee Nation.
- The College offers an Associate's degree in Natural Resources and started as Bachelor of Science program in Fall 2021. So far, two students are enrolled in the B.S. program and started in the Associates program.

- The programs follow Menominee sustainability theory, a six-dimensional model
- The College of Menominee Nation has 200-400 students, many of whom are non-traditional students. Must enroll a majority of indigenous students.
- The agricultural and natural resources programs are looking to find students paid internships, particularly local placements.
- The College is also looking to grow apprenticeship opportunities and collaborations with UW-Madison Division of Extension.

5. Updates and Council-relevant Items of Interest

- a. DATCP – Sec. Romanski shared that the agency is finishing their second year of the Wisconsin Youth Agriculture Council and looking for ways to keep them connected to ag. DATCP just completed the selection of the next cohort of council members.

6. Subcommittee Report-outs

- a. Goal 1 group – B. Leonard reported that the subcommittee had an excellent first meeting and they will be focused on all levels of education, not just high school. The subcommittee will work to identify levels of education and figure out where students first learn about ag ed and get connected to it.

7. Annual Report

Jenifer Cole

8. Wrap-up

Sara Schoenborn

9. Adjourn