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**Sponsor:** County Manager's Office

**Meeting Date:** 9/5/2023

**Title:** Appointment to the Extension Committee

**File Number:** 2023-351

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**Background and Rationale:**

The Minnesota Extension Service is under the auspices of the University of Minnesota. Minnesota statutes sections 38.33 to 38.38 require the county to have an Extension Committee and define County Extension work to include educational programs and services provided by extension educators in the areas of agriculture, agriculture finance, economic development, nutrition, youth leadership development (including 4-H), leadership, and environment and natural resources.

The statutes also define the composition of the Extension Committee to consist of nine members including two county commissioners, the county auditor or designee, and six members appointed at large by the county board. Appointed members support the Extension Committee programming in three ways: 1) identifying local community needs and extension resources, 2) providing Extension Committee program support and advocacy, and 3) assisting in the development of an annual Extension Committee budget request.

There are currently two vacancies on the Extension Committee due to term expirations. Recruitment through the county's open appointment process resulted in one application. On July 19, 2023, the application was forwarded to three Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for review. Between August 14, 2023, and August 19, 2023, the three commissioners interviewed the applicant, which gave the commissioners an opportunity to engage with and learn more about the applicant, and final recommendations for a formal appointment was provided afterwards.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Appoint Dolly Mariucci to the Extension Committee for a term beginning September 5, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2026.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

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Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board