
Sponsor: Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date: 11/4/2025

Title: Appointment to the Ramsey County Extension Committee

File Number: 2025-431

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.
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 resulting in two applications. On September 29, 2025, the applications were forwarded to three Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for review. Between September 29, 2025, and October 16, 2025, the three commissioners interviewed the applicants, which gave the commissioners an opportunity to engage with and learn more about the applicants, and final recommendations for a formal appointment was provided afterwards.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Appoint the following individuals to the Ramsey County Extension Committee for a term beginning November 4, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2028.

- Heidi Miller (incumbent)
- Nancy Kasseth

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

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: _____



Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board