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**Sponsor:** Communications & Public Relations

**Meeting Date:** 7/12/2022

**Title:** Appointment to the Extension Committee

**File Number:** 2022-365

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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 County Extension programming in three ways: 1) identifying local community needs and extension resources, 2) providing Extension program support and advocacy, and 3) assisting in the development of an annual County Extension budget request.

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There is currently one vacancy on the Extension Committee. Recruitment through the county's open appointment process resulted in one application. On June 8, 2022, the Chief Clerk's Office forwarded the application to the commissioners for review and recommendation. Additionally, the commissioners held interviews with each applicant, which gave the commissioners the opportunity to engage with and learn more about each applicant beyond just the review of the online applications. On June 22, 2022, three commissioners interviewed the applicants for final recommendation.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Appoint Heidi Miller to the Extension Committee for a three-year term beginning July 12, 2022 and ending December 31, 2025.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner McDonough.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Carter, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: - 1: Frethem

