
Sponsor: Communications & Public Relations

Meeting Date: 12/22/2020

Title: Appointments to the Extension Committee

File Number: 2020-604

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.

There are currently two vacancies on the Extension Committee due to expired terms. Recruitment through the County's Open Appointment Process resulted in three applications, two from incumbents. On November 6, 2020, the Chief Clerk's office forwarded the applications to the commissioners for review and recommendation.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Appoint Donna McDuffie (incumbent) and Ben Kucera (incumbent) to the Extension Committee for terms beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2023.

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

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

By: 
Janet Guthrie, Chief Clerk - County Board