

# 2002 MINNESOTA COUNTY EXTENSION LAW

## **38.33 COORDINATION TO MAINTAIN COUNTY EXTENSION WORK.**

Sections 38.33 to 38.38 coordinate the work of the federal, state and county government and the Minnesota extension service at the University of Minnesota to maintain county extension work.

*History: (6121) 1923 c 423 s 1; 1953 c 202 s 1; 1990 c 376 s 1*

### **38.331 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. Application. In sections 38.33 to 38.38, the definitions in this section apply.

Subd. 2. County Extension work. "County Extension work" means educational programs and services provided by extension educators in the areas of agriculture; agriculture finance; economic development; nutrition; youth leadership development including 4-H programs; leadership, and environment and natural resources;

Subd. 3. Director of extension. "Director of extension" means the dean and director of the Minnesota extension service of the University of Minnesota.

*History: 1900 c 376 s 2*

## **38.34 COUNTY BOARD MAY PAY FOR EXTENSION WORK.**

A board of county commissioners may incur expenses and spend money for county extension work as provided in sections 38.33 to 38.38.

*History: (6122) 1923 c 423 s 2; 1953 c 202 s 2; 1900 c 376 s 3*

## **38.35 STATE APPROPRIATIONS; HOW SPENT.**

Money appropriated by the state to maintain and pay expenses of county extension work must be spent under the direction of the director of extension, who, acting with the county extension committee, shall carry out sections 38.33 to 38.38.

*History: (6124) 1923 c 423 s 4; 1953 c 202 s 3; 1986 c 444; 1990 c 376 s 4*

## **38.36 COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEE**

Subdivision 1. Committee composition. A county must have an extension committee. The committee must have nine members. Two members must be county commissioners appointed by the county board. The county auditor or the auditor's designee must be a member. If the county has no office of auditor, the county board shall appoint a member from the county administration. Six members must be appointed at large by the county board as provided in this section. The county board at its annual meeting shall appoint for a term of three years the number of members required to fill the memberships on that committee expiring at that time.

Subd. 2. Budget recommendations. In cooperation with the director of extension, or the director's designee, the county extension committee, each year, in accordance with county budgetary deadlines, shall prepare a budget showing the total funds available and needed and shall recommend to the county board the amount of county funds necessary to maintain, support, and pay the expenses of county extension work during the following year. A copy of the budget must be presented to the county board.

Subd. 3. County appropriations, how spent. The county board shall consider the recommended county share of money necessary to maintain, support, and pay the expenses of county extension work during the following year. For these purposes, the county board may appropriate money annually from its general revenue fund and may make a special levy for county extension purposes or both. The money set aside and appropriated by the county board for these purposes is the county extension fund. Money from the fund may be paid out by orders of the director of extension, or the director's designee, to pay a part of the compensation of the agents employed, to pay directly the compensation of county support employees, and to pay other expenses incident to the county extension work. An order to pay money from the fund must not be issued until the expenditure has been audited and signed by the county

auditor or other appropriate county official. A balance in the county extension fund at the end of a year must be carried over or reappropriated.

History: (6125) 1923 c 423 s 5; 1947 c 157 s 1; 1951 c 390 s 1; 1951 c 412 s 1; 1953 c 202 s 4; 1957 c 208 s 1; 1963 c 198 s 1; 1969 c 1081 s 1; 1973 c 528 s 1; 1973 c 583 s 5; 1986 c 444; 1990 c 376 s 5

### **38.37 COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEE; PROGRAM, COUNTY AGENTS**

The county extension committee shall, annually, plan a program of county extension work in cooperation with the Minnesota extension service of the University of Minnesota and the United States Department of Agriculture. To run the program, the county extension committee, acting with the director of extension, or the director's designee, shall recommend for employment suitable and qualified persons to be known as extension agents. The extension agents must be employed according to university personnel procedures and must be university employees. The extension agents shall provide educational programs and services to enhance the quality and productivity of county extension work.

History: (6126) 1923 c 423 s 6; 1953 c 202 s 5; 1969 c 1081 s 2; 1986 c 444; 1990 c 376 s 6

### **38.37 COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES, FARMS, EXTENSION SERVICE**

### **38.38 EXTENSION COMMITTEE; DUTY, OFFICERS, PAY**

The county extension committee shall encourage all individuals and organizations to cooperate to make profitable use of extension activities. It shall elect its own chair and vice-chair, who shall serve for one year. The county auditor, the auditor's designee, or the appointee from the county administration is the secretary of the county extension committee. The secretary shall keep a record of all its proceedings and shall forward copies of all resolutions of the county board appropriating funds to the director of extension. County commissioners who are members of the committee may receive a per diem under section 375.055, subdivision 1, and may be reimbursed for their necessary expenses, including mileage under section 471.665. Other committee members may be reimbursed for expenses or may receive a per diem allowance under section 375.47.

History: (6127) 1923 c 423 s 7; 1953 c 202 s 6; 1957 c 208 s 2; 1969 c 1081 s 3; 1975 c 301 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1990 c 376 s 7

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