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Agriculture & Education Committee
Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 6 pm
Rock County Courthouse – Courthouse Conference Center
51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545
APPROVED MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Driscoll, Supervisor Hawes and Supervisor Sweeney

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Donna Duerst, Megan Rebout, Nick Baker

Others Present:

Randy Thompson – Fair Board President; Jenna Elliott – Chairperson of the 4-H Horse & Pony Committee; Doug Rebout – Rock County Farm Bureau

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Bostwick called the meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Davis moved approval of the agenda of January 25, 2017, second by Supervisor Hawes.
ADOPTED
3. Adoption of Minutes: Supervisor Driscoll moved approval of the minutes from December 14, 2016, second by Supervisor Hawes.
ADOPTED
4. Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements - None
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5. Discussion re: Horticulture Educator Position; 4-H Youth Development position(s)
Duerst shared options for filling positions. Will discuss with Matt Hanson at the February meeting. Plans to hire a summer intern with seasonal funds.
6. Discussion & Possible Action re: Permanent Farm Bureau Food Stand on Fairgrounds
Doug Rebout, Rock County Farm Bureau, discussed potential plans for a permanent food stand building on the Fairgrounds. May or may not have it completed by 2017 Fair; depending on size. Doug had discussion with Brian Paul, Fairgrounds Manager, regarding how Farm Bureau's plans fit into Fairgrounds improvement plans. Farm Bureau would supply funds and labor for a 30' x 30' building. Rock County would own the building and lease it to Farm Bureau. Supervisor Hawes moved to allow Farm Bureau to proceed with developing more specific plans for a permanent food stand building at the Fairgrounds, second by Supervisor Driscoll, Motion Carried
7. Educator Report: Megan Rebout, 4-H Youth Development Program Advisor
Rebout shared current 4-H enrollment numbers which are very close to last year's numbers. Rebout also described educational programs and professional development.
8. Fair Board Report
Randy Thompson, Fair Board President, shared plans for the 2017 fair including moving some non-animal pre-fair judging back to the fair. Will also initiate a "Camp of Champions."
9. Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts
No Contracts. Brian Paul has been working on the Craig Center.
10. Discussion & Possible Action re: Craig Center rental rate for 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Moved to after 4 on the Agenda – Jenna Elliott, Chairperson for the 4-H Horse & Pony Committee, shared rationale for their request for a fee waiver for the 4-H Tack Swap. Supervisor Sweeney moved to

waive the fees for 2017. Second by Supervisor Bostwick; Motion Carried.

11. Semi-Annual Report – Attendance at Conventions/Conferences – Resolution 06-9A-087

Report was reviewed

12. Review of Payments

Payments were reviewed and discussed.

13. Educator Performance Reviews schedule and process

Duerst described how reviews will be done on February 8th at 1 p.m.

14. Update from Department: Capitol Connections: April 20, 2017; WCA Legislative Exchange – February 7, 2017, Concourse in Madison

No new information on these events but Duerst will forward information on the Legislative Exchange if/when it is received.

15. Comments from the Committee

None

Adjourn Supervisor Driscoll moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m., second by Supervisor Hawes.

ADOPTED by acclamation.

Minutes taken by Donna Duerst

Typed by Sheila JaDoul

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