

Rock County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, March 12, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Room
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville WI

Unapproved Minutes

1. Call to Order

The March 12, 2014, meeting of the Rock County Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Bostwick at 7:01 pm.

Committee members present: Supervisors Bostwick, Pleasant, Sweeney and Wiedenfeld

Committee members absent: Supervisor Arnold

Staff Present: Angela Flickinger: Co-Department Head, Family Living Educator; Fair Grounds Supervisor Randy Thompson; Sheila JaDoul, Administrative Assistant

Also Present: John Quinn, Fair Board President and Bob Risseeuw, Fair Board Member; Colin Byrnes, Planning & Development Department Head

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Wiedenfeld, seconded by Sweeney, motion carried.

3. Approval of February 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Wiedenfeld, seconded by Pleasant. Any changes, additions or deletions? None, motion carried.

4. Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements

Drainage Board Appointments: Chairman Bostwick opened the discussion about the Drainage Board Appointments. A few citizens concerned with the issue were in attendance. A legal

notice was published 2/12/2014 stating that there were 3 vacant positions and the Secretary Position. Written Nominations were due by 3/1/2014 to the UW Extension. During conversations with Mr. Jim Stute, he explained that if there were not at least five nominations that the issue should be moved to the April meeting. At the cutoff date/time, there were only 2 nominations. Mr. Chris Dickert called after that time and said he was interested.

Decision: Mr. Bostwick will contact Corporation Counsel to obtain a legal opinion as to the department will be responsible for the Drainage Board. Note: If a change is made, another legal notice will need to be placed.

5. 4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts

4/9/14 Dean George Auction @ the Craig Center – date change from 3/11 to 4/9. \$420.00

6/21/2014 Ken Leuty Barrow Club Show, Non-Profit Rate \$305

Questions, Comments: Barrow Show's – still holding them? Mr. Thompson said he has been in conversations with the State Veterinarian, Dr. McGraw. There are no state restrictions on holding shows. However, some groups are either cancelling or considering going to online sales.

1. Echo Workshop @ the Craig Center November 14 & 15 Non-Profit Rate \$305 + \$70 heat surcharge

Questions: As it is Echo, should we charge them or waive the fee? Mr. Thompson said as it is a 'workshop' it is believed that they will be charging attendees a fee to attend.

Motion by Sweeney, Seconded by Pleasant. Motion Passed

Mr. Thompson also reported on maintenance at the Fairgrounds. The lights in the Blackhawk Center are being replaced. The contract went to a local vendor Lappin Electric. Cost for fixtures and bulbs is \$2,400.00. The Blackhawk Curling Club is going to provide the manpower. Requested this all be delivered by April 1st. May 10-12th will be the work for the install. The club will help with the cost share.

Blacktop repair will be required all through the grounds. Capital will be diverted to pay these costs.

6. Fair Board Report:

Mr. Quinn introduced Mr. Bob Risseeuw as a Fair Board member. Most of the fair entertainment has been booked.

They too have been paying close attention to the PEDV issue.

7. Approval and signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Rock and the Rock County Leaders Council

Reviewed last month but need to have it signed.

Motion by Wiedenfeld, Second by Sweeney, Motion Approved.

8. Approval of Extension Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances
Motion by Sweeney, Second by Pleasant

Questions: Only about the JP Morgan Chase account. It is a County Credit card which will be used for any Strong Women trainings out of the county as well as any educational needs requiring a credit card. A monthly report on its usage will be included with the bills.

9. Review, Approve and Sign Performance Review Summaries
Reviews were done at the February meeting. Documents were passed around for Committee Members' review.
Motion by Sweeney, Second by Pleasant, Motion passed

10. WACEC Convention

County Leadership Conference

May 5-7, 2014; Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

WACEC State Conference

June 23-24, 2014, Clarion Hotel Campus Area, Eau Claire, WI

11. Educator Report: Angela Flickinger, Family Living Educator
Angela handed out a summary of the Family Living Department as well as a summary of the Strong Woman Program.

Committee Supervisors like the summary page. Sheila is working on creating the 3-ring binders for all the Supervisors to use to keep all the documents/hand-outs from the meeting. They will be available at the April meeting.

12. Comments from the Committee

Supervisor Sweeney said that there are issues about the Farm Lease, Annual Reports and if the Farm will or will not be overseen by Land Conservation. Hopefully Mr. Stute will keep us apprised of his ability to continue giving technical support.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Pleasant, 2nd by Bostwick to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila M. JaDoul