

Minutes
Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Center
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville, WI

1. **Call to Order:** The April meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Richard Bostwick at 7:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Arnold, Supervisor Combs, Supervisor Sweeney, and Supervisor Wiedenfeld.

Staff Present: Randy Thompson, Department Head and Mary Krisco, WNEP Coordinator.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda as printed was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisors Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes of March 16th:** The minutes of March 16th were reviewed. A motion was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Combs to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None.
5. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts**
 - A. **Fair Association Report:** Bob Arndt, President , Rock County 4-H Fair Association was unable to attend the meeting. Arndt expressed his sincere apology for not being able to attend.
 - B. **Fairgrounds Rental Contracts:** Randy Thompson presented contracts for the Committee's approval. The contracts included the following: September 30, October 1 and 2 – Janesville Rifle and Pistol Club (proposed fee of \$687.50); Paige Fisher Flea Market – (proposed fee of \$380); November 12th – Paige Fisher Flea Market – (proposed fee \$380 plus \$65 heat surcharge); December 3rd – Paige Fisher Flea Market – (proposed fee \$380 plus \$65 heat surcharge). A motion to approve the contracts and fees was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.
 - C. **Capital Improvement Project Updates:** Thompson reported that Jerry Fox and Sons are completing drainage repair projects at the Fairgrounds. The Rock County Beef Producers and Rock County 4-H Fair Association will be cost-sharing improvements to the Beef Barn wash rack and electrical updates to the Beef Barn. Improvements will be completed prior to the 2011 Rock County Fair. The Swine Producers are continuing renovation of the Swine Barn. The interior roof decking and steel supports will be painted once the weather warms up. Goal is to have the painted completed and the new pens installed by Memorial Day Weekend.
6. **Approval of Extension Bills/Transfers:** Randy Thompson reviewed the Extension bills. A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.
7. **Resolution Approving the Purchase of Rust-Oleum Industrial Brand Paint:** Thompson reviewed the resolution and submitted bids. Thompson recommended accepting the bid submitted by Hallman Lindsay, Janesville for \$20,528.58. A motion to approve the resolution purchasing

the Rust-Oleum paint for \$20,528.58 from Hallman Lindsay was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.

- 8. Agent Report: Mary Krisco, WNEP Coordinator:** Mary Krisco provided a report on the Rock County Nutrition Education Program. The program is funded by Federal Grants which brings in over \$650,000 to Rock County. The Rock County WNEP program ranks first in the state in partnership cost-sharing with local schools and organizations. The program made over 40,000 educational contacts in 2010.
- 9. Discussion of 2011 Rock County Fairgrounds Mutual Working Agreement:** Thompson presented committee members with a copy of the proposed Mutual Working Agreement between the county and 4-H Fair Association. The contract is similar to past years. The Fair Association would have exclusive use of the grounds between July 1st and August 5th, 2011. The Fair Association is responsible for all costs including water, electrical, and fairgrounds maintenance labor during the period. Any costs associated with preparation for the fair are covered by the Fair Association. Thompson indicated that the working agreement would be presented at the next Fair Board meeting. Final approval by the Ag Committee would be at the May Committee Meeting.
- 10. Department Updates:** Thompson discussed upcoming staff changes. Linda Marshall, 4-H Program Assistant will retire as of June 30, 2011. Sue Fredrich has announced her retirement as of December 31st, 2011. Discussions are underway for future staffing options with the State Partner. The committee will be asked to look at future staffing in the next few months. Thompson reported that he has been asked to serve on the Search Committee for the UW Rock County Dean CEO. The committee will be conducting a national search and anticipates submitting finalists to Chancellor Cross this fall.
- 11. Report on WACEC Conference:** Thompson thanked Supervisors Arnold, Sweeney and Wiedenfeld for their participation in the State WACEC Conference. The legislative visits were well received. The group met personally with Representatives Ringhand, Loudenbeck, and Wynn. The group also met with legislative aids for Senator Cullen and Representative Knilans. Supervisor Sweeney and Supervisor Wiedenfeld were recognized for five years of service on the Rock County Ag and Extension Education Committee. Supervisor Arnold was recognized for ten years of service.
- 12. Comments from the Committee – none.**
- 13. Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/Randy Thompson