



Minutes - January 12, 2022

Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the virtual Agriculture & Extension Education Committee meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Richard Bostwick, Crary, Aegerter, Sweeney

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Stevens

Staff Members Present: Chrissy Wen; Terri Carlson; and Brent Sutherland.

Others Present: None.

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Crary. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes:

December 8, 2021 Minutes: Supervisor Crary moved approval of the December 8, 2021 minutes as presented, second by Supervisor Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Division of Extension::

Review of bills: The committee reviewed the bills.

Vacancy updates:

Regional Crop Educator: Chrissy Wen updated the committee on the Regional Crop Educator. The final interviews are set for February 3 and 4, 2022.

Regional Dairy Educator: Chrissy updated the committee that she made an offer to a candidate today. This is a position shared with five counties. The individual will get to choose the location of their home office. Some of the committee members shared concerns that this was a large area for one individual. Chrissy responded that this is something they are being conscious of.

Health and Wellbeing Educator: Chrissy reminded the committee that the Waukesha Educator has

been taking over the Strong Bodies program going in Rock County since last year. This will be extended until March. Chrissy has reached out to Katrina Harwood, Public Health Officer, to see if the areas that the Health and Wellbeing Educator were being met elsewhere. She asked the committee what areas a Health and Wellbeing Educator should start with in Rock County. Supervisor Aegerter agreed with some of the findings that there is a need to focus on mental health, and equity and social justice. Supervisor Crary emphasized the need for trauma-informed care. She also touched on the need to ensure that these resources are getting to the Beloit area. Supervisor Sweeney suggested that this may be a better position for the Health Department. Chrissy asked for the committee's support to move ahead with recruiting with this position. The committee supported Chrissy moving forward with this position and emphasized the need to get the right person in this position right away.

Office Associate: Chrissy reminded the committee that this is the part-time position. She recalled that this position closes in about a week or so.

Introduction of Brad Meier, Office Coordinator: Brad Meier started on Monday. He is the new office coordinator. Chrissy let the committee know that he has a background in marketing and has great customer service skills. Chrissy is very impressed with his first few days and is excited to see what he can do for community outreach. Brad will be at the next committee meeting and will be taking minutes moving forward.

Fairgrounds::

Review of Bills: The committee reviewed the bills. Supervisor Sweeney inquired about the multiple payments to the City of Janesville. Brent Sutherland clarified that these are for multiple water meters.

December Rental Contracts: Brent presented the December rental contracts to the committee.

Year-end Rental Contracts: Brent presented the year-end rental contracts. He asked that committee members let him know if there is another way that they would like this information presented. Supervisor Bostwick asked if the report could reflect any non-county agencies versus county agencies that are reserving facilities.

Roof Phase 1 Conditions Accessment: Brent informed the committee that he has been working on gathering more information on the condition of the roof. This is phase 1 of 3 phases. Brent will be coming back with funding needs for the grandstands. This will be coming forward in the 2023 budget.

Fair Board Report: No update.

Comments from the Committee: Brent let the committee know that they had someone rent the Craig Center over the weekend and the heat went out. The renters got their payment back for their reservation.

Adjournment: Supervisor Sweeney moved to adjourn at 7:54 P.M., second by Supervisor Crary.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Hoffman
Office Coordinator

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