



Minutes - May 11, 2022

Call to Order: Chair Rich Bostwick called the Hybrid Virtual Agriculture & Extension Education Committee meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Richard Bostwick, Debi Towns, Janelle Crary, Alan Sweeney

Committee Members Absent: Genia Stevens

Staff Members Present: Ryan George, Dave Froeber, Shana Leith, Karen Johnson, Sara Ennocenti, Jordan Schuler, Erin Conway, Laura Vander Veen, Brad Meier

Others Present: Matt Hanson, Terri Carlson

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

Approval of Minutes:

April 13, 2022 Ag and Ext Minutes: Supervisor Crary moved approval of the April 13, 2022 minutes as presented, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: none

Committee Business:

Election of Vice Chair: Supervisor Sweeney nominated Supervisor Crary for the Vice Chair position. Crary accepted the nomination. All approved. Adopted.

Setting Committee Meeting Date, Time, Location and Format: Supervisor Sweeney moved to continue to hold the Ag & Extension Education Committee Meeting on the Second Wednesday of each month, at 7:15pm, at the UW Extension office utilizing the Hybrid In-person/Virtual meeting format. Seconded by Supervisor Crary. Adopted.

Division of Extension::

Review of Bills: Reviewed and approved.

Introduction to Extension Educators & Programs:

FoodWise Program - Shana Leith, Karen Johnson, and Sara Ennocenti: An overview of the FoodWise educational focus, audiences, community partnerships and programing was provided by Shana Leith and highlights of many of the programs were provided by Sara Ennocenti and Karen Johnson.

Agriculture - Jordan Schuler, Regional Crop Educator: Jordan Schuler introduced herself to the committee, talking about her enthusiasm for the position and first weeks as the new Regional Crops Educator for Walworth, Jefferson and Rock counties. She explained that while she doesn't currently have a set schedule for each county, she expects to be in Rock County regularly. She also recognizes the need for community communication and is nearly ready to make her first newsletter available to the region.

Community Youth Development Outreach - Erin Conway: Erin Conway and Laura provided an overview of positive youth development and how the two programs work collectively in the community. Erin described the 4 focus areas and target audiences of Community Youth Development. Erin provided examples of the ongoing county programing aimed at those focus areas from the county report. They concluded with an invitation to the board members to promote the expanding access initiative - Chris Clover "We need you to be you".

4-H Program - Laura Vander Veen: Laura Vander Veen introduced the main pillars of focus for the 4-H program and provided an overview of the Rock County 4-H club, volunteer and youth membership participation numbers. Laura went on to highlight the Weekly Update Newsletter and some of the current programs/activities: Music & Drama Fest, Cloverbud Field Trip, 4-H Camp, Base Camp, Outpost Camp and Upcoming Fair participation.

Fairgrounds:

Fair Board Report: Ryan George provided an overview of the upcoming Rock County 4-H Fair, noting the current registered youth participation is good but not up to 2019 participation levels. With some house-keeping and expected fairground repairs, he is optimistic about the success of the upcoming event.

Review of Bills: Reviewed and approved.

Approval of the 2022 Fair Board Agreement: The contract was reviewed. It was explained that although there is no increase to the liability coverage in the new contract, the liability insurance coverage is above state requirements. Supervisor Crary motioned to approve the contract, seconded by Supervisor Towns. Committee approved the 2022 Fair Board Agreement contract.

April Contracts: Contracts were reviewed.

Year-to-date contracts: Dave Froeber presented the Year-to-Date contracts, confirmed the waived 4-H rental fees and Terri Carlson explained the standardized rental fees. It was explained that the fire code inspection violations, along with the redone parking lot, would be taken care of before the upcoming fair dates. It was also noted that a majority of the rental income is for use of the Craig Center, many of which are wedding/reception rentals, and based upon the rental contract fees to date, it looks to be a better year than any recent years.

Comments from the Committee: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Bostwick moved to adjourn at 7:57 p.m, seconded by Supervisor Crary. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of the person who took the minutes: Brad Meier

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