



Minutes - July 13, 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, Alan Sweeney, Janelle Crary, Genia Stevens

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Chrissy Wen, Shana Leith, Brad Meier, Alison Pfau

Others Present: Ryan George, Wes Davis

Adopt Agenda: The committee discussed and agreed to remove item 6.C. Approval to Waive \$150 Rental Fee for Community Action from the agenda.

Supervisor Crary moved approval of the modified agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes:

June 8, 2022 Ag & Extension Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the June 8, 2022 minutes as presented, seconded by Supervisor Crary. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Sweeney announced that Dr Werly and staff have agreed to come to the August LCC meeting at the farm.

Division of Extension::

Review of Bills: Reviewed and approved.

Semi-Annual Report of Training: Chrissy reported that there wasn't any travel that exceeded the \$1,000 minimum from January 1 through June 30, 2022.

Introduction to Alison Pfau, Regional Dairy Educator: Alison Pfau introduced herself and her educational background and work experience. She's looking forward to working as the Regional Dairy Educator in Rock County.

Program Report - FoodWise, Shana Leith: Shana provided an overview of the Beloit Merrill Community Sharing Garden programming efforts coming up this summer that will target youth, teens and adults. She also introduced a new Policy, Systems, Environment project in conjunction with the Health Department, funded through Maternal and Child Health funds through MCH funds for the Healthy Schools project for the Beloit School District. Rock County is one of 5 state counties receiving this program funding. This collaboration with Rock County Public Health Department and the Beloit School District will provide support for updating and implementing their wellness policy. Shana went on to provide the details of the wellness policy support. This will expand the reach within the school systems and allow FoodWise to reach the families in addition to the youth with educational programming.

Shana also outlined the Harvest of the Month program and the opportunity that has come about to partner with Aramark to support this program but also make the program available state-wide. The collaboration with Aramark would also include Aramark providing the fruits/vegetables for the food tasting portion of the program throughout the state. This would integrate the Harvest of the month program into the cafeteria menus, inserts and nutrition information that can be shared with families and activity guides for classroom education opportunities. Promotional social media artwork, posters and flyers would also be provided to the school district for increased awareness.

Community Garden community business collaboration was also discussed and the opportunity for Extension to help expand these efforts.

Rock County Report: Chrissy introduced and walked through the June 2022 County Report of programming impacts and activity highlights.

Fairgrounds::

Review of Payments: Bills and payments were reviewed.

Review of Contracts: Contracts and the online Fairground Rental Request form were reviewed.

Approval to Waive \$150 Rental Fee for Community Action: This item was removed during the adoption of the agenda.

Update on Capital Repairs: Brent updated the committee on the electrical and plumbing repairs that included additional waterlines and connectors for better management and easier future repairs. Brent also detailed the addition of new wiring, conduits and LED lighting under the bleachers, hallways and in the open grounds area. New lighting, GFI receptacles and controls are now available for each booth space. Brent also highlighted the recycling efforts of the outgoing wood and conduit by the maintenance team.

Fair Board Report: Ryan provided an update on final fairgrounds preparations, highlighting the Fairgrounds crew efforts and expressed his appreciation for the committee's support of the fair each year and looking forward to a good year.

Fairgrounds Facilities Master Plan: Brent presented and explained the Fairgrounds Master Plan's scope of work and the modifications of the Master Plan due to reprioritization over the years. Brent highlighted the Big Picture goals to continue to address functional inefficiencies, space inadequacies and safety recommendations and the expected needs and support in future capital budgets. Part of the plan includes a new Craig Center, a Pavilion and additional parking. However, with the new roof on the current Craig Center, we are evaluating options of just making some updates to the current building. Brent explained that he'd like to look at making simpler, less costly upgrades to existing buildings and structures vs redevelopment. All recommendations will be presented to the committee for review and consideration. Additional discussion included alternatives to the inclusion of a retention pond on the fairgrounds.

Comments from the Committee: No comments.

Adjournment: Supervisor Crary moved to adjourn at 8:33 p.m, seconded by Supervisor Towns. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of the person who took the minutes: Brad Meier

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