



Minutes - November 3, 2022

Call to Order: Chair Rich Bostwick called the Hybrid Virtual Agriculture & Extension Education meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Richard Bostwick, Janelle Crary, Genia Stevens, Alan Sweeney

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Debi Towns

Staff Members Present: Chrissy Wen, Brent Sutherland, Brad Meier, Laura Vander Veen

Others Present: Supervisor Michael Zoril, Supervisor Yuri Rashkin, Terri Carlson, Bryan Spoehr

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Crary moved approval of the agenda of November 3, 2022 as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes:

October 12, 2022 Ag & Ext Ed Minutes: Supervisor Crary moved approval of the minutes from October 12, 2022, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Rashkin talked in support of the Resolution. Supervisor Zoril talked in support of the Resolution and an open conversation.

Division of Extension::

Review of Bills: Bills were reviewed.

Program Report: Laura Vander Veen, 4-H Program Educator: Laura Vander Veen introduced herself and her role as 4-H Program Educator. Laura provided an overview of the current enrollment (Cloverbuds, Members and Volunteers), a new club in Beloit and planned activities of the 4-H Leaders Council. Laura detailed the 4-H focus on safety and the efforts that support the safety focus. Laura detailed the volunteer training, highlighting the VIP, Title IX, Mandated Reporter and the 2-part training for Advisors and overnight Chaperones. She also described the opportunities to support each club with their budgeting, annual financial reports and state and federal tax information. Laura announced that starting next year all 4-H fees would be managed at the county level throughout the state. Laura also described several optional training and support opportunities she continues to offer to the club members, leaders and volunteers. She highlighted the weekly communication newsletter keeping families up to date with news and activities. Laura concluded with the 4-H Thriving Survey

that was emailed to Rock County 4-H youth (ages 13-18) to measure program quality. Results will be available March 2023.

Monthly Impact Report: Chrissy Wen introduced the report, highlighting the local county and state-wide Extension activities and efforts. Supervisor Crary added that she was happy to see the Extension outreach booth at the recent Pride event.

Review of 2023 Recommended Budget: Chrissy Wen talked through the 2023 Budget noting each program and highlighting the FoodWise program's \$390,000 federal grant support.

Discussion and Possible Action of 2023 Extension Contract: Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the 2023 Extension Contract, seconded by Supervisor Crary. Chrissy explained the changes from the 2022 contract to the 2023 contract. Contract approval passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on Drainage Board Vacancies: Supervisor Bostwick updated the committee that the search for candidates is ongoing and although there are no candidates to review at this meeting, there has been an increase in interest.

Fairgrounds::

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to Study Moving the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds:

Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Crary. Resolution failed with a vote of 0-4.

Approval to increase Rental Security Deposit from \$100 to \$200: Brent Sutherland talked through the report he and the staff provided on after-event cleanup efforts and the expected costs to the county when renters do not clean up the rental space after their event. Discussion ensued about raising the Security Deposit, competitive security deposit costs in the area and a commitment to continue to monitor the after-event clean up efforts. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the increase in Rental Security Deposit from \$100 to \$200, seconded by Supervisor Crary. Adopted

Community Solar Program Proposal: Brent Sutherland introduced the Community Solar program to the committee along with the details of its location, how the location was decided upon, the no-mining language in the contract and how this program differs from the County Solar program. Brent went on to describe the benefits for the members of the community that choose to be part of the program. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the Community Solar Program, seconded by Supervisor Crary. Adopted.

Review of 2023 Recommended Budget: Brent talked through the 2023 budget, and explained that the General Services Committee is responsible for approving the budget but wanted to share the items on

the budget that affect the Fairgrounds buildings and property. Brent highlighted the expected maintenance costs for the roof repair and the safety efforts that are scheduled for the upcoming year.

Review of rental contracts: Contracts were reviewed.

Review of October Payments: October payments were reviewed.

Fair Board Report: Ryan explained that the Fair Board is working on next year's budget and that several Fair Board members will be attending National Fair Convension.

Comments from the Committee: none

Adjournment: Supervisor Crary moved adjournment at 7:15pm, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney.
ADOPTED.

Name of the person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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