



Minutes - December 14, 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, Debi Towns

Committee Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Chrissy Wen, Dave Froeber, Brad Meier, Erin Conway, Shana Leith

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

Adopt Agenda: **Adopt Agenda:** Supervisor Crary moved approval of the agenda of December 14, 2022 as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes:

November 3, 2022 Ag & Ext Ed Minutes: **November 3, 2022 Ag & Ext Ed Minutes:** Supervisor Crary moved approval of the minutes from November 3, 2022, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Division of Extension::

Review of Bills: Bills were reviewed.

Program Report: Erin Conway, Positive Youth Development Educator & Shana Leith,

FoodWise Program Administrator: Erin Conway, PYD Educator, and Shana Leith, FoodWise Program Administrator, introduced themselves and detailed how their departmental collaborative program was inspired by The Beloit School District's gift card drive to support youth experiencing homelessness. The program began with a challenge: How can we support youth to choose healthy when receiving community support (i.e. gift cards)?. Shana and Erin proposed their program idea to SSM health, the Beloit Learning Academy and with approvals, were off and running with financial grant to offset the program costs. Shana explained that the program has started with 2 initial groups of young people that participated in the Teen Cuisine 6-week program that focussed on nutrition, food safety and food preparation lessons and hands-on learning activities. Shana explained that all the recipes in the lessons are low cost, nutrient-rich and easy to prepare and available for the class participants to bring home.

Shana shared a hands-on activity with the committee members to experience first-hand the types of lessons that are part of the program. Erin explained that she attended each of the classes during the 6-week Teen Cuisine program to see the experience during the lessons and to meet and build relationships with the youth participants to work with the participants on the leadership component of the overall program. Erin then encouraged the group that signed up for the leadership program component to work together to help create communication tools (web page, sample recipes, food/ingredients lists, QR code stickers, etc) and language that would speak to their classmates. Erin explained that the group's decisions were largely based upon the data gleaned from the surveys the youth took. Erin also introduced a hands-on exercise with recipes to the committee for the committee members to experience a small sample of the class lesson materials. It was explained that this program provides an entry point for this young audience and opens the door for future opportunities. Everyone involved realized that if people choose recipes and ingredients wisely, low cost, healthy eating opportunities are readily available. Overall, the program has been well received by the young people, the school district and the grant partner and is expected to continue.

Monthly Impact Report: Chrissy Wen introduced the report, highlighting the local county and state-wide Extension activities, efforts and events.

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

Fairgrounds::

Approval of November Payments: November payments were reviewed.

Fair Board Report: No Fair Board report.

Approval of November Contracts: November Contracts were reviewed.

Approval to Waive the Rental Fee for Project 16:49 : Dave Froeber explained that the Project 16:49 group's purpose and efforts are similar to other local groups/organizations that are not charged rental fees for use of fairground buildings/property. Project 16:49 recently rented the Craig Center and was charged for 1.5 days rental. Supervisor Crary moved approval to waive and reimburse the rental fees of the Craig Center for Project 16:49, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Conversation ensued. Passed unanimously, ADOPTED.

Policy and Practice for Waiving the Rental Fees: Dave Froeber explained that he would like the committee to consider updating the criteria for rental fee waiving or discounting in the Rental Policy. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Bostwick asked the Facilities Department to look at updating the Fair Grounds Rental Registration form to include language that allows non-profits and groups that support youth/youth education to submit a request for fee reduction consideration. The Facilities department will present any potential Fair Grounds Rental Registration form language changes back to the committee for review.

Tower Lease Renewal: Dave Froeber explained that American Tower has approached Rock County with a proposal to change the current contract. As the tower is on the fairgrounds, the Facilities department wanted to make the AEE Committee aware of the request and the details of the request. The General Services committee will review the proposed American Tower contract at their next meeting. The Ag & Extension Education committee discussed the details of the request and agreed to attend the next General Services committee meeting.

Comments from the Committee: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Stevens moved adjournment at 8:35pm, seconded by Supervisor Crary.
ADOPTED.

Name of the person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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