



Minutes - January 11, 2023

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Janelle Crary, Genia Stevens

Staff Members Present: Chrissy Wen, Brent Sutherland, Brad Meier,

Others Present: none

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Towns moved approval of the agenda of January 11, 2023 as presented, seconded by Supervisor Bostwick. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes:

December 14, 2022 Ag & Ext Ed Minutes: Supervisor Towns moved approval of the minutes from December 14, 2022, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Division of Extension::

Review of Bills: Bills were reviewed.

Program Report: Julie Hill, Horticulture Outreach Specialist: Chrissy Wen described some of the Horticulture programs' recent activities as well as the positive feedback and highlights from the Horticulture End of the Season survey results. Chrissy also detailed some of the 2023 activity planning that is underway and upcoming programming that includes both state-wide webinars and local opportunities for the Rock county community.

Monthly Impact Report: Chrissy Wen introduced the December County report, highlighting the local, county and state-wide Extension activities, efforts and events from each department. The committee conversation included the StrongBodies program's intent to include more in-person classes as community interest grows and the Round Table events the Ag department offered recently to the Jefferson, Rock and Walworth county communities.

Discussion and Possible Action on Drainage Board Vacancies: Supervisor Bostwick provided an update on the continued and ongoing search to fill the vacant Drainage Board positions.

Fairgrounds::

Review of Payments: Bill were reviewed with committee discussion on the water bills, water meters, water usage, and the Tower rental lease payments.

Review of December Contracts and Year to Date Numbers: December and year-to-date contracts were reviewed. Brent highlighted the significant number of contracts and reservations already on the calendar for 2023.

Process for Informing Renters of the Opportunity to Request Fee Waiver: Brent presented alternative recommendations to the Fair Grounds Rental Registration form to the committee for consideration. Brent explained that the recommendation is to add a rental fee waiver check box and accompanying copy that explains the details of the rental fee waiving review process and any applicable contractual provisions related to the waiver. Brent requested permission to proceed to refine the Fair Grounds Rental Registration form and return to the next committee meeting with final form changes for committee approval. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve changing the Fair Grounds Rental Registration form to include waiver consideration language, seconded by Supervisor Towns. Adopted.

Fair Board Report: Supervisor Bostwick explained that he had attended the recent Annual Fair Board Elections meeting and reported that Ryan George had been re-elected as Board President. Rich also shared that the Fair Board is pleased with the involvement with the Ag & Extension Education Committee and is encouraged by the ongoing positive relationship.

Comments from the Committee: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Towns moved for adjournment at 7:50pm, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

Name of the person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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