



Minutes - March 8, 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, Genia Stevens

Committee Members Absent: Janelle Crary, Debi Towns

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

Others Present: none

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the agenda of March 8, 2023 as presented, seconded by Supervisor Stevens. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes:

February 8 2023 Ag and Ext Minutes : Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the minutes from February 8, 2022, seconded by Supervisor Stevens. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: none

Division of Extension::

Review of Payments: Payments were reviewed

Monthly Impact Report: Chrissy Wen introduced the February County report, highlighting the recent and upcoming local efforts and events from each institute, county and state-wide Extension activity. Chrissy also introduced the FoodWise Annual Report and mentioned a few highlights of note. Supervisor Stevens asked if she could hear more about the Positive Youth Development efforts related to the Sexual Violence Prevention grant coalition. Chrissy said she will ask Erin to reach out to Supervisor Stevens with details of the efforts and involvement.

Review of Regional Crop Educator position description: Chrissy introduced the position description, detailing that the position description is relatively general to allow for flexibility in the role's efforts to best react to the community needs. Chrissy said that her goal is to post the position as soon as possible and before the end of the school year to reach upcoming grads. Supervisor Bostwick asked about the size of potential candidates and if many other counties were also looking to fill this same position. Chrissy explained that there is one other regional Crop Educator position available through Extension

and it's yet to be seen how many crop professionals want to go the public service and education route vs private sector route. The group also discussed approaching Randy Thompson about filling the position in the interim. The interim position would need to be approved by the state prior to any discussions.

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. He mentioned that he still plans to attend the March 16th Town Board Meeting to continue the recruitment efforts and identify potential candidates.

Fairgrounds::

Review of February Payments: Payments were reviewed. Brent explained that the towing expenses were for the 1-ton flatbed truck that died and needed to be towed to get fixed. He also shared that the General Services Committee asked if the Curling Club used any recycling services on the fairgrounds and if so, are they paying any portion of the recycling bill. Brent explained that the contract doesn't include anything about paying for recycling services but he would talk to them about it.

Review of February Rental Contracts: Brent talked through the rental report highlighting the paid renters.

Yearly Rental Totals: Brent noted that 2023 has already exceeded the yearly revenue totals of each of the previous five years' rental revenue totals. Brent also described a recent weekend rental situation where the renter was from Nevada and unable to get the key for the Craig Center by the end of the day on Friday. This required the renter to pre-approve an upcharge to their rental fee \$100 for overtime, to get someone out to meet them and open the fairgrounds on Sunday. Supervisor Bostwick asked about adding a keypad to help give after-hours access to renters. Brent explained that they have plans to install a gate operator this year to help with situations such as this. Brent also explained that the rental fees go to offset the operating budget.

Detailed Waiver Cost for Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Event: Brent presented a report that provided the breakdown of costs waived for the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders event.

List of Events Rental Fee was Waived: Brent presented a list of groups, since 2022, that the committee had previously approved the waiver of rental fees.

Ground Tower Lease Update: Brent provided an update on the American Tower lease proposal communications. American Tower has re-approached the county about adjusting the current contract agreement to include lowered escalators and a lowered profit sharing percentage. Brent presented a table that depicted the revenue over the length of the contract and provided a summary of lost revenue given the changes in the new American Tower proposal. Brent mentioned he would keep the committee informed of future communications and if any decisions get made by the General Services Committee.

Fair Board Report: Ryan explained that the board is working on the grant planning. Ryan said the entertainment has been determined and announced. Brent added that the grand stand roof repairs are out for pre-bid and part of the agreement states that the repairs, if started prior to the start of the fair dates, would need to be completed before the fair dates. Supervisor Bostwick asked about the schedule for the fire retardant painting and Brent explained that they can't do it all at once but they are looking at determining what they can do in the immediate future.

Comments from the Committee: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Sweeney moved adjournment at 8:00, second by Supervisor Stevens.
ADOPTED.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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