



Minutes - February 9, 2022

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

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

Committee Members Absent: none

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

Others Present:

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Bostwick moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes:

January 12 2022 Minutes: Supervisor Bostwick moved approval of the January 12, 2022 minutes as presented, second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: none.

Division of Extension::

Review of bills: The committee reviewed the bills.

Introduction of Brad Meier - Extension Office Coordinator: Mr. Meier introduced himself to the committee.

Vacancies update:

Regional Crop Educator: Chrissy Wen updated the committee on the Regional Crop Educator. Second round interviews are being scheduled. Chrissy thanked Supervisor Sweeney for being an integral part of the interview process.

Regional Dairy Educator: Chrissy Wen updated the committee that the Regional Dairy Educator has

been hired and will start June 5. The new hire brings a lot of farming and dairy experience to the position. The Regional Dairy Educator's home base will be Jefferson County, to be centrally located within the five counties of responsibility.

Health and Well-being Educator: Chrissy Wen updated the committee on the Health and Well-being Educator recruitment. Chrissy explained that she'd received input from community partners and the Extension team of Amber Canto and Angie Flickenger regarding matching the position requirements to the immediate county needs. Areas of primary focus will be supporting the positive mental health component of the program along with the behavioral health component. Secondary focuses will be healthy eating and active living. These program efforts will target the entire county community, youth and adults. Supervisor Sweeney asked Chrissy to provide a plan that details the position's areas of focus. Supervisor Bostwick mentioned that he would expect the person hired would have a good amount of experience in Mental Health. Chrissy explained that she has upcoming meetings with the Extension team to scope the position further and agreed to followup with the committee with additional feedback towards creating the position's areas of focus plan.

Educator Report - Julie Hill, Horticulture Outreach Specialist: Julie presented her current and upcoming Horticulture outreach efforts for the county leading up to Spring/early Summer 2022. The presentation included highlights on the statewide webinars and local outreach activities for Pollinator Week, the three upcoming free mini-webinar series for the Planning for a Fruitful Season, and the three-part series of discussions about Gardening in Community Gardens. Supervisor Bostwick asked if any of the program events would be available in-person in the near future. Julie commented that some would be in-person and some would be virtual. Supervisor Bostwick asked about how Julie's time was allocated within Rock County. Julie explained that she focuses on programs that work for all of her counties and is conscious about distributing her time appropriately to each county as the program opportunities require. Julie also added that she is also working to bring all the Master Gardeners from both counties together to communicate with each other.

Fairgrounds::

Review of January Bills: The committee reviewed the bills. Supervisor Sweeney inquired about the bill and Brent Sutherland explained that the bill was for purchasing a replacement straight plow blade.

Review of January contracts: Brent presented the January rental contracts to the committee.

- Ryan George provided a report on Fairgrounds

Review contract summary: Brent presented the Annual rental contract summary to the committee. Supervisor Bostwick acknowledged that the report was much easier to read.

City of Janesville Building Inspections: Brent presented the Janesville Fire Department and the City of Janesville Plumbing Inspection reports. Brent noted that there were violations on the report that were carried over from previous years' inspection reports. Brent assured the committee that all of the

Janesville Fire Department violations have been corrected. Brent explained that the plumbing violations were regarding the Curling Club Building and the inspector explained that it was evident that the repairs, noted in the violations, were not done by a licensed plumber per code. Brent said they will get a licensed plumber to make the needed repairs. He also mentioned that the need to add a floor drain will require extensive repairs, but also added that he felt the fixes would be done in a timely manner and therefore, should avoid any subsequent fines.

Comments from the Committee: none.

Adjournment: Supervisor Richard Bostwick moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m, second by Janelle Crary and Stephanie Aegerter. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of the person who took the minutes: Brad Meier

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