



Minutes - August 9, 2023

Call to Order: Vice Chair Crary called the hybrid Agriculture & Extension Education Committee to order at 7:15 pm.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Crary, Bostwick, Sweeney, and Towns.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Stevens.

Staff Members Present: Chrissy Wen, Erin Conway, Brent Southerland, Brad Meier.

Others Present: None.

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

Approval of Minutes:

July 12 2023 Ag and Ext Minutes: Supervisor Bostwick moved approval of the July 12, 2023 minutes, second by Supervisor Towns. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: No public comment submitted prior to the meeting.

Division of Extension::

Review of July Payments: The committee reviewed the payments.

Program Report: Erin Conway, Positive Youth Development Educator: Erin re-introduced herself and began by sharing with the committee the youth survey results that were captured in 2019-20 and said that they are still relevant today - youth and adults are still not speaking a shared language about what it means to have a youth voice in this space and what it means to be a supportive adult. Erin used her testimonial to highlight key focus areas that have been useful for partners. These include: 1) adults narrowly define 'participation' and 2) youth narrowly define 'leadership'. Erin completed a couple of activities with the committee that were impactful to partners. They highlighted ways to be a leader beyond standing up in front of a group; and how to celebrate your own personal leadership talents as well as identify areas for growth. Erin shared the next steps for the countywide "Building Youth Voice Initiatives" chosen based on the April workshop evaluation responses. It will focus specifically on communication and media. Planning took place in the summer with youth and community partners and will continue in the fall. Committee questions centered on better understanding which partners

Erin works with, including 4-H, and how she chooses them. Erin responded with further specific examples of efforts in the community and compared them using Roger Hart's Ladder of Participation.

Monthly Impact Report: Chrissy introduced the monthly impact report. She also highlighted the upcoming Spanish webinar series lead by Alison Pfau, Regional Dairy Educator.

Regional Crop Educator Update: Chrissy shared that she can provide details and make the official announcement for the new Regional Crop Educator, once the HR paperwork is finalized. She said that she was excited to share that the person filling the position will have a home office at the Rock County Extension office and is expected to start September 5, 2023.

Discussion and Possible Action on Drainage Board Vacancies: Chair Bostwick provided a brief explanation that the Drainage Board vacancies have been filled.

Fairgrounds::

Review of Payments: The committee reviewed the payments.

Approval of Contracts: The committee reviewed the July contracts.

Review of Year to Date Contract Data: The committee reviewed the Year to Date Contracts.

Approval of Project 16:49 - Rental Fee Waiver Request: Brent Sutherland explained that the group Project 16:49 has requested that their rental fee be waived for use of the fairgrounds for their annual fundraiser.

Supervisor Sweeney moved to waive the rental fee for the 2024 Project 16:49 annual fundraiser, seconded by Supervisor Towns. ADOPTED

Approval for WI Livestock Breeders -Summer Spectacular Livestock Show- Waiver of Rental Fees: Brent Sutherland explained that the WI Livestock Breeders has requested that their rental fee be waived for use of the fairgrounds for the upcoming WI Summer Spectacular Livestock Show.

Supervisor Towns moved to waive the rental fee for 2024 WI Livestock Breeders Summer Spectacular Livestock show, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED

Update on Installation and Operation of Power Gate : Brent explained that the purpose of the power gate that has been installed, is to provide security for those entering and leaving the Fairgrounds during off-hours. There will be keypad and card reader access. Facilities is still working on defining the code and key access process relative to rental access vs county access. The card reader is expected to be installed in 2024.

Fair Board Report: No report was provided.

Comments from the Committee: Vice Chair Crary thanked everyone for coming and their patience tonight.

Adjournment: Supervisor Towns moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm, second by Supervisor Sweeney.
ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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