



Minutes - November 8, 2023

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Crary

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

Others Present: Erik Vazquez Luna, Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor Sutterlin, Max Olson, Chad Olson and Supervisor Brien

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the agenda with the change to move Item 5. F to 5. A1 and moving 5.A to 5. A2 as presented, second by Supervisor Stevens. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes:

October 11 2023 Ag and Ext Minutes: Supervisor Towns moved approval of the October 11, 2023 Ag and Extension minutes, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Division of Extension::

Review of October Payments: October payments were reviewed.

Program Report: Erin Conway, Positive Youth Development Educator: Erin referenced the handout, Positive Youth Development Around Rock County. She cited the paragraph that describes the three main ways the programming develops. She situated August's report as an example of one of the ways. She referenced the Youth in Governance program as the second of the three ways. She focused the evening's presentation on the third, Membership Expansion. Erin described how Wisconsin 4-H was currently supporting Membership Expansion and gave local examples. Committee members asked Erin questions about the cited programming on the document. Erin introduced Erik Vazquez Luna, Nia staff, to describe the impact of Nia and 4-H on the participating youth. Erin referenced the county report and its description of Membership Expansion as well as reiterating that the bullet points she provides 85% of the time are categorized in the three ways listed on the PYD document provided. Committee members asked further questions about how Erin would currently rate her success and the audience programming currently engages and why.

Monthly Impact Report: Chrissy introduced the monthly impact report, noting the Positive Youth Development Spotlight, the highlighted Rock County community partners and the current activities and program planning for each educator.

Review of 2024 Recommended Budget: Chrissy introduced the 2024 UW Extension budget for Rock County, and promoted the charter portion of the budget that details some of the work the extension educators are doing in Rock County. Chrissy explained that operationally, the majority of the budget costs fall under the contracted educator expenses and educator positions are determined by community needs and collaboration between county departments ensures that Extension educational programming works proactively in the community, in conjunction with and collaboratively with other county departments.

Discussion and Possible Action: 2024 Extension Contract: Chrissy Wen introduced the annual contract between UW Madison - Division of Extension and Rock County. Chrissy pointed out there weren't many changes to the contract between 2023 and 2024, but noted the language changes in Appendix A about the AED financial budget authority and Chrissy is working with Josh Smith and Sherry Oja on those language changes. Chrissy pointed out the contracted educator positions and the county's financial contribution to fund those positions. The committee discussed the three percent flat fee increase for educators and increases in fully county-funded positions. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the 2024 Extension Contract with Rock County, second by Supervisor Towns. Approved.

Establishment of an Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the establishment of an Ad-Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee to work with the Rock County Extension Office to develop specific guidelines for the creation of a Youth in Governance program for Rock County, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee shall be composed of seven members, three of whom shall be Rock County Board Supervisors, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors that the Ad-Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee shall report back to the Board of Supervisors with its recommendations no later than February 1, 2024. The Committee shall dissolve upon presentation of this report to the County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Towns moved with approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Sweeney. Supervisor Wilson explained the resolution. Supervisor Wilson introduced Max Olson to speak about his experience as a youth with access to local government. The committee discussed the timing of the Ad-Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee recommendations report to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Sweeney moved to change the resolution's recommendations report date to April 1, 2024, second by Supervisor Towns. Adopted. The committee went on to discuss the resolution and the merits of the program as it exists in other counties. Motion PASSED unanimously by all present committee members, Supervisor Crary was absent.

Fairgrounds::

Discussion and Possible Action for Rental Contract Changes: Brent Sutherland explained that the intent of the contract changes was to bring overall consistency to both the rental policy and the rental contract, to address cancelation language and address the quiet time policy in response to the neighborhood noise concerns. Brent went on to explain that he had a meeting with the sheriff and confirmed that the county can uphold all city ordinances. Going forward, on a weekly basis, the Facilities Department will share the upcoming rental schedule and contact information for each renter with the Sheriff's Department. In the case of an issue or disturbance, the Sheriff's department would already have renter contact information on hand which can also lead to better management of the alcohol permit and ordinance enforcement. Brent also added that this fall, the Facilities department will also be adding an air conditioning /heating unit for the Craig Center, with a unit being removed from the former Job Center building which should help with keeping the doors shut and the noise levels down. The committee also discussed how the county can manage the renters' access to fairgrounds buildings that aren't part of the contract. Brent committed to coming back to the committee with recommendations on how to restrict renters from accessing other fairground buildings or property. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the Rental Contract Changes, second by Supervisor Towns. Approved

Review of October Payments: October payments were reviewed.

Approval of October Contracts: Brent explained that the Rodeo organization requested fairgrounds rental dates in 2024 that were already contracted for the Fair by the Fair Board. The Fair Board denied the request to surrender the last week of their Fairgrounds Rental contract.

Review of Yearly Contracts: Yearly contracts were reviewed. Supervisor Bostwick noted the increase in alcohol permits.

Fair Board Report: No report was provided.

Comments from the Committee: None.

Adjournment: Supervisor Towns moved to adjourn at 8:35 pm, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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