



Minutes - April 10, 2024

Call to Order:

Chair Bostwick called the hybrid Agriculture & Extension Education Committee to order at 7:30 pm.

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

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Crary.

Staff Members Present: Chrissy Wen, Josh Firgens, Brad Meier, Mike Parille

Others Present: Ryan George, Mary Check

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Towns moved approval of the agenda of April 10, 2024, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes:

2024-03-13 Ag & Extension Committee Minutes: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the minutes from March 13, 2024, seconded by Supervisor Towns. ADOPTED

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Division of Extension::

Review of Payments: March Payments were reviewed.

Program Report: Josh Firgens, 4-H Program Educator: Josh Firgens, 4-H Program Educator, introduced himself to the committee. Josh provided the current 4-H membership and volunteer participation numbers, which include all traditional and non-traditional club enrollment. Josh went on to explain that he has enjoyed his first three months in the role, meeting many of the Rock County 4-H young people, parents and volunteers at a variety of project and leadership meetings. He recently attended a camp workshop and co-promoted Rock County 4-H, Health & Well-Being and Extension at the well-attended YWCA's Family Night with Sara Ennocenti, the Health & Well-Being Educator. Josh is looking forward to the upcoming distance learning, multi-county, learning program about tomatoes.

Monthly Impact Report: Chrissy introduced the report, pointing out all the educational programming and activities going on in the community through various Extension Educator efforts. Chrissy highlighted the behavioral health efforts by Sara Ennocenti, the wonderful ongoing efforts of the

FoodWise team and the large number of Horticulture events coming up in the near future. Chrissy also described her attendance at the English version of the dairy vaccination clinic managed by Alison Pfau, the Regional Dairy Educator. The Spanish version of the clinic is at full capacity and will happen tomorrow. Chrissy also discussed the Distance Learning efforts and events available in Rock County through a combination of area-wide Positive Youth Development Educators and 4-H Program Educator collaborations.

Extending the Deadline for the Report of the Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee: **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by Rock County Board of Supervisors that the Ad-Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee shall report back to Board of Supervisors with its recommendations no later than July 1, 2024.

Supervisor Towns moved with approval of the above resolution, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Chrissy Wen explained the resolution and the reason for the deadline extension, which was followed by a brief committee discussion. Motion PASSED unanimously by all present committee members, Supervisor Crary was absent.

Fairgrounds::

Review of March Payments: March Payments were reviewed.

Review of March Rental Contracts: March Rental Contracts were reviewed.

Review the Year to Date Rental Contracts: Year to Date Rental Contracts were reviewed.

Approval of the 3-year Fair Board Working Agreement: Supervisor Towns moved approval of the 3-year Fair Board Working Agreement, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney.

Mike Parille introduced the 3-year Fair Board Working Agreement, noting the change in the agreement from the previous one-year agreement to a three-year agreement. Committee discussion ensued.

APPROVED

Approval of Alcohol Allowance Permit: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the Alcohol Allowance Permit for Rock Co 4-H Fair, seconded by Supervisor Towns.

Mike Parille explained that by policy, the Alcohol Allowance Permits will need to be approved by the Ag & Extension Education Committee prior to the approval of the rental contracts. Committee discussion ensued.

APPROVED

Approval of Changes to Alcohol Approval Process for Rental Contracts: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of Changes to the Alcohol Approval Process for Rental Contracts, seconded by

Supervisor Towns.

Mike Parille explained that the approval of changes to the Alcohol Approval Process for Rental Contracts formalized the existing policy that states that all renters of any part of the fairgrounds need to get approval, prior to obtaining an alcohol permit, by the Ag & Extension Education Committee.
APPROVED

Fair Board Report: Ryan thanked the committee for their support of the Fair Board offering beer sales at the Fair. Ryan explained that the Vet Association in Rock County has disbanded, which has challenged the Fair Board to find a suitable replacement vet service for the fair animals.

Comments from the Committee: Supervisor Bostwick thanked Supervisor Sweeney for his many years of service on the Board of Supervisors and for the community.

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

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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