



Minutes - September 11, 2024

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

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Bostwick, Towns, Schneider and Whitledge.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Ringhand

Staff Members Present: Chrissy Wen, Brad Meier, Sara Ennocenti, Brent Sutherland

Others Present: Supervisor Ryan

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Schneider moved approval of the September 11, 2024 agenda, seconded by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes:

2024-05-08 Ag & Extension Committee Minutes

: ITEM TITLE CORRECTION: Item 3.A. title should be 2024-08-14 Ag & Extension Committee Minutes.

Supervisor Whitledge moved approval of the August 14, 2024 Ag and Extension minutes, seconded by Supervisor Schneider. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Division of Extension::

Review of Payments: August Payments were reviewed.

Program Report: Sara Ennocenti, Health & Well-Being Educator: Sara Ennocenti introduced herself and outlined her role and her areas of focus at Rock County Extension. Sara began talking about behavioral health in Rock County and pointed out the higher than state average Rock County suicide rates and other notable details highlighted within the Rock County Mental Health report. Sara went on to describe her suicide prevention work with the QPR program and her partnership with the Credible Minds website and other Rock County partners. Supervisor Bostwick said he would provide Sara with the contact information of a person he knows that is very involved in Rock County suicide prevention. Sara also talked about a Rock County group that has just started forming a Rock County Youth Suicide Prevention Community Action Team to better create a safe environment for the youth

to get the support they need. Sara went on to talk about her work on the HEAR Advisory Board and the community health assessment surveys the organization had implemented which provided valuable insight into the mental health needs of Rock County. She also described the Walking School Bus program and the safe walkway assessments at local schools to help provide safe walkways for students to travel to and from school.

Monthly Impact Report: Chrissy Wen introduced the monthly impact report, noting the spotlight section that talks about Sara Ennocenti's QPR work in Rock County. Chrissy went on to point out the really great work the Extension team has done and the significant amount of programming through Extension this summer. Chrissy suggested that, at the very least, the committee members make note of the testimonials in the report. The testimonials reflect the words of appreciation from the parents, youth participants and partners we provide programming for, or alongside, throughout our community.

Fairgrounds::

Review of August Payments: August payments were reviewed. Brent pointed out the shared revenue line item that is from the cell tower rental agreement. He also explained that the county invoice to the Fair Board Association is still being finalized.

Approval of August Contracts: Supervisor Schneider moved approval of the August Contracts, seconded by Supervisor Whitley. APPROVED.

Brent shared that he had met with the security company to review and discuss the contract details and security guard event requirements. Brent also explained that although he continues to get calls about the noise levels and noise hours, the decibel level that is in the contract for events is far below the city ordinance noise violation levels.

Review of Year to Date Rental Contracts: Year-to-date Rental Contracts were reviewed. Brent shared that the new security deposit policy is in place and is being shared with all the renters.

Review of American Tower Ground Lease Amendment Request: Brent explained that American Tower has approached the county with an offer to change the current cell tower ground lease agreement. Brent explained that the American Tower Ground Lease agreements are approved by the General Services committee, but he's sharing the lease agreement information with the Ag & Ext Ed Committee to make them aware and because the towers are on the fairgrounds, and he'd like to get AEE committee feedback on the situation. Brent added the General Services committee did not approve the 2022 or 2023 contract agreement amendment offers that were presented to the county in the past, largely based upon the recommendations provided by the land lease consultant. The committee discussed some of the details of the most recent agreement amendment offer as well as the costs and/or risks of accepting or declining the current offer and the committee generally agreed to follow the recommendations of the consultant.

Fair Board Report: No report was provided. Brent explained that the invoice to the Fair Board Association for their costs of paper products and maintenance work will be submitted to the Fair Board once all the final costs have been determined.

Comments from the Committee: None.

Set Next Meeting Date : The committee agreed that the next meeting will be October 9, 2024 at 7:15 pm at the UW Extension office.

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

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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