



Minutes - December 11, 2024

Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the hybrid Agriculture & Extension Education Committee to order at 7:17 pm.

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

Committee Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Chrissy Wen, Brad Meier, Mike Parille, Brent Sutherland

Others Present: Ryan George, Supervisor William Wilson, Max Olson

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Whitledge moved to strike agenda items 5b and 6g and approve the September 11, 2024 agenda with those deletions, seconded by Supervisor Ringhand. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes:

November 13, 2024 Ag & Extension Committee Minutes: Supervisor Whitledge moved approval of the November 13, 2024 Ag and Extension minutes, seconded by Supervisor Schneider. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Division of Extension::

Review of November Payments: November Payments were reviewed.

Program Report: Shana Leith, FoodWise Program Administrator: This item was removed from the agenda.

Monthly Impact Report: Chrissy Wen introduced the Extension monthly report, highlighting the activities mentioned in the report of the planning and programming the staff has been working on over the past month.

Discussion and Possible Action - 2025 Extension Contract: Chrissy introduced the official 2025 Extension Contract and reiterated to the committee that in addition to the staff positions mentioned within the contract, Rock County also benefits from having the FoodWise 5 FTE staff that are fully federally funded at no cost to the county in addition to access, through Extension, to the entire UW Madison educational staff of professors and specialists. Chrissy also highlighted a couple of new items to the contract from last year's contract, such as the language about cybersecurity and cyber data

breaches.

Supervisor Ringhand moved to approve the 2025 Extension Contract with Rock County, seconded by Supervisor Schneider.

Approved.

Establishment of a Rock County Youth in Governance Pilot Program: BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____ authorizes the establishment of a Rock County Youth in Governance Pilot program as outlined in the September 30, 2024 Report of the Ad Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee shall continue through June 1, 2026 in order to do the following:

- Implement and provide oversight to the Rock County Youth in Governance Pilot program,
- Develop program policies and practices in conformity with the September 23, 2024, report of the Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Committee, including specifically identifying the scope and parameters of the youth participation in Standing Committees.
- Evaluate the program and its impact, and,
- Report back to the County Board of Supervisors no later than September 30, 2025 with a recommendation to continue or discontinue the Youth in Governance program for 2026-2027 after the pilot period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in developing the parameters for participation, Youth Participants shall not be considered official members of the Standing Committees in which they participate and shall not receive per diems or mileage for their attendance at meetings.

Supervisor Whitledge moved with approval of the above resolution, seconded by Supervisor Ringhand. Supervisor Wilson explained the resolution, highlighting some of the details of the program. Max Olson talked about his support of the program and his experience, as a youth, being part of local government as a member of the City of Milton Parks and Recreation committee. The committee went on to discuss the resolution and the merits of the program. Motion PASSED unanimously by all present committee members

Fairgrounds::

Review of November Payments: Brent Sutherland introduced the November payments and pointed out the annual American Tower land lease entry and monthly shared revenue entry. The November payments were reviewed.

Approval of November Contracts: Supervisor Whitledge moved approval of the November Contracts, seconded by Supervisor Schneider. APPROVED

Review of Year to Date Contracts: Year to date contracts were reviewed.

Approval of Gun Show in the Craig Center: Supervisor Whitledge moved approval of having a gun show at the Craig Center, seconded by Supervisor Schneider. The committee discussed the history of

the show on the Fairgrounds as well as the merits of the request and the committee generally agreed not to vote to allow the gun show at the Craig Center at this time and to follow the recommendation of the Corporate Council.

Supervisor Towns moved to postpone this decision until the next committee meeting and Corporate Council provides their recommendation, seconded by Supervisor Ringhand.

Approval to Waive Rental Fee- WI Livestock Breeders Association: Supervisor Schneider moved approval of the waiving of rental fees for the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association, seconded by Supervisor Whitledge. Brent explained that the committee had previously approved the rental fee waiver for the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association for August 23, 2025 and this request is to include an additional date of June 14, 2025 to the rental waiver approval. APPROVED

Approval to Waive Rental Fee -FFA: Supervisor Ringhand moved approval of the waiving of rental fees for the FFA Youth Judging Contest, seconded by Supervisor Schneider. APPROVED

Review and Possible Action of the Noise Complaints: This item was removed from the agenda.

2024 Budget Review: Brent introduced the Fairgrounds portion of the budget that is approved by the General Services Committee. Brent highlighted a few line items to the committee and also pointed out the higher than expected Water expense, which was due to an underground leak. The leak has been fixed and Brent is working with the city to get that amount adjusted to a lesser amount. Brent agreed to share this budget with the Ag & Extension Committee on a quarterly basis going forward.

Fair Board Report: Ryan George apologized for his lack of attendance at the recent committee meetings and went on to share that the recent fair was a top 6 fair based upon attendance and overall went very well. Ryan added that they are working on their budget and getting entertainment lined up. He added that having beer at the fair was profitable, and he was not aware of any problems related to having beer sales at the fair.

Comments from the Committee: None.

Set Next Meeting Date : The committee agreed that the next meeting will be January 8, 2025 at 7:15 pm at the UW Extension office.

Adjournment: Supervisor Whitledge moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm, seconded by Supervisor Ringhand. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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