



Minutes - May 14, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the hybrid Agriculture & Extension Education Committee to order at 7:22 pm.

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

Committee Members Absent: none.

Staff Members Present: Chrissy Wen, Brad Meier, Alison Pfau, Brent Sutherland

Others Present: none.

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Schneider moved approval of the May 14, 2025 agenda, seconded by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes:

April 9, 2025 Ag & Extension Committee Minutes

: Supervisor Ringhand moved approval of the April 9, 2025 Ag and Extension minutes, seconded by Supervisor Schneider. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Schneider mentioned the Vets Role homecoming that will happen next Wednesday, May 21 at about 9:15, at Central Christian in Beloit.

Division of Extension::

Review of April Payments: April payments were reviewed.

Program Report: Alison Pfau, Bilingual Regional Dairy Educator: Alison Pfau introduced herself and shared with the committee many of the events and activities she's been involved in recently. Alison's highlights include: a program with Dr. Temple Grandin and her presentation on animal handling; education and training programming for dairy employees about calving management, neonatal care, animal handling and milking routines; working directly with local farmers on a variety of problem-solving consultations; creating and distributing the first issue of a bi-monthly Spanish and English e-Newsletter; regional programs about vaccinations and calving management; going to an animal welfare conference next week, and looking forward to doing some networking with other Extension educators that are doing things in Spanish as well; and Alison is looking forward to developing some bilingual educational/training programs for the region later this summer.

Monthly Impact Report: Chrissy provided a brief overview of the monthly county report, highlighting recent events and programs as well as various upcoming programs, including the Youth Development and 4-H summer efforts, Horticulture, Ag & Dairy, Health and Well-Being and the FoodWise summer program efforts.

Fairgrounds::

Review of April Payments: April payments were reviewed. Brent added that the county will be billing the Fair Board for actual utility costs for their rental contract vs 3-year average.

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

Brent explained that the county had to refuse a reservation as they were not able to provide proof of insurance. They were refunded their rental fees but not the deposit. Brent also shared that there was a noise complaint about one of the parties being too loud.

Review of Year-to-Date Contracts: Brent introduced the year-to-date contracts

Request to waive rental Fee- Rock County Beef Producers: Supervisor Schneider moved approval of the waiving of rental fees for Rock County Beef Producers, seconded by Supervisor Whitledge. The committee discussed the merits of the request. APPROVED

Fair Board Report: Brent Sutherland provided an update on proposed changes, and cost-saving decisions that have been discussed for the projected grandstand work coming later this year and into next.

Comments from the Committee: none.

Set Next Meeting Date - Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 7:15p: The committee agreed that the next meeting will be June 11, 2025 at 7:15 pm at the UW Extension office.

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

Name of person who took the minutes: Brad Meier

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