



Minutes - June 11, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the hybrid Agriculture & Extension Education Committee to order at 7:20 pm.

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

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Towns

Staff Members Present: Chrissy Wen, Brad Meier, Shana Leith, Brent Sutherland

Others Present: Ryan George

Adopt Agenda: Supervisor Schneider moved approval of the June 11, 2025 agenda, seconded by Supervisor Ringhand. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes:

May 14, 2025 Ag & Extension Committee Minutes

: Supervisor Ringhand moved approval of the May 14, 2025 Ag and Extension minutes, seconded by Supervisor Schneider. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Chrissy Wen introduced the HEAR Health Improvement Report and pointed out the WeCope partner highlight.

Chrissy also shared a statement with the committee about the possible impact of the FoodWise program in response to the recent congressional action and reforms to the SNAP education program. Chrissy also pointed out the two reports that were included in the packet that highlight the FoodWise state and local community impact. Supervisor Ringhand asked Chrissy to keep her posted with any updates.

Division of Extension::

Review of May Payments: May payments were reviewed.

Program Report: Shana Leith, FoodWise Program Administrator

: Shana Leith introduced herself and provided an overview of FoodWise program highlights and accomplishments within the Janesville and Beloit school districts from the past year. The highlights include: several handmade thank-you notes from the grade school students, and supportive testimonials from the parents and teachers; Kids Day at the Janesville Farmers Market; reaching 99

classrooms and 17 schools in the Janesville and Beloit school districts; Walking School Bus program; policy systems and environmental projects with the Beloit School District; Teen initiative program; Healthy Schools initiatives; Mini-Grants to Beloit Learning Academy to improve the weight training room; Kids Against Hunger; Farmers Market - Fresh & Glean program and Rotary Club sponsored reward program; and many upcoming summer programs like Merrell Community Sharing Garden; Teen Cuisine series with the Beloit middle schoolers; Community Action Team Empowerment Camp; Janesville Community Center and more.

Monthly Impact Report

: Chrissy Wen introduced the Extension monthly impact report, highlighting the notable FoodWise programs and impacts, the WeCope mental health program partner and county impacts, the variety of Rock County Horticulture educational programs, and several summer 4-H programs and events, such as Summer Camp and Cloverbud events.

Fairgrounds::

Review of May Payments: Payments were reviewed.

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

Supervisor Bostwick asked Brent to provide a report about the expected increased utility costs once the air conditioning unit is in place.

Review of Yearly Contracts: Yearly contracts were reviewed.

Rental Fee Waiver Request-Wisconsin Show Pig Association: Supervisor Schneider moved approval of the waiving of rental fees for WI Show Pig Association, seconded by Supervisor Ringhand. The committee discussed the merits of the request. APPROVED

Approval of Rental Agreement Amendment: Supervisor Schneider moved approval of the Rental Agreement Amendment, seconded by Supervisor Ringhand. The committee discussed the rental agreement amendments as Brent walked through the changes and additions to the document. Discussion topics include: drop box availability; event insurance and high risk insurance coverage and requirements; and overnight trailer parking. APPROVED

Approval of the Rental Policy Changes: Supervisor Ringhand moved approval of the Rental Policy changes, seconded by Supervisor Schneider. The committee discussed the rental policy changes as Brent walked through the language/text changes and additions to the rental policy document. Discussion topics include: drop box availability; Special Events certificate of insurance and high-risk insurance coverage and requirements; overnight trailer parking; rental 'grounds' definition and access deadline; and proper dumpster use. APPROVED

Fair Board Report: Ryan shared that the association's newly hired summer grounds crew is busy working on getting things ready for the fair. The Fair Board still has summer gateworker positions to

fill, so please let people know. The Rock County Idol fair event has room for additional talent, and those interested are encouraged to submit their application. Ryan is looking forward to presenting at the upcoming Rock County Board meeting.

Comments from the Committee: Supervisor Schneider asked Brent if he was considering raising the rent once air conditioning is available and if he could provide an idea of what the additional energy costs will be?

Set Next Meeting Date - Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 7:15p: The committee agreed that the next meeting would be July 9, 2025, at 7:15 pm at the UW Extension office.

Adjournment: Supervisor Ringhand moved to adjourn at 8:21 pm, seconded by Supervisor Schneider. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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