



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION
& FAIR COMMITTEE

July 8, 2008

The meeting of the Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson McConnell at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

S. McConnell, W. Williams, M. Stoddard, M. Schweder, and T. Traxler

EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT

D. Slark, C. Hargrave, M. Spaulding, A. Kavanaugh, J. Kauffeld, E. Treu, Tom Schmitz (UW-Extension Central District Director) and K. Zills

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

C. Carroll, M. Arend, D. Disterhaft, L. Hazlewood

AGENDA

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Traxler, Williams) to approve the June 10, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. Arend asked whether the committee had received a copy of the proposed 2009 library budget from the County Clerk's office. The committee had not received any information, however they did have copies of the proposed budget from the June 10, 2008 Ag/Extension Committee meeting. Hazlewood stated that she was concerned that the committee had not been properly informed by the County Clerk's office. Discussion followed. *Motion/second (Stoddard, Traxler) to approve the proposed 2009 library budget as presented and forward it to the Finance Committee.*

Hazlewood mentioned that it may be beneficial for library representatives to meet with the Ag/Extension Committee outside of normal meeting times to better educate committee members on the library budget for future situations. Slark asked that a

library representative attend a scheduled meeting on July 17, 2008 with County Department Heads and the Finance Committee.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the educators.

Hargrave: Hargrave reported that she has been working on a wheat fungicide trial. She also hosted a crop walk, which went well. Participants discussed crop damage and nitrogen loss due to the recent flooding. No till soybean were also discussed. In addition, Hargrave has been handling various questions from the public on insects and garden damage. The District Five Holstein Show, which Hargrave assisted with, went smoothly and was well attended.

Spaulding: Spaulding reported that she has been writing reports related to the caregiving surveys and programs she recently completed. Spaulding also attended the June WACEC meeting, and is partnering with the Department of Health and Human Services to create a Financial Management curriculum.

Slark: Slark reported that he is still working on finding a location for a dog agility course for the 4-H dog project. He is continuing to work on an innovation grant, and reported that 4-H Camp went well this year. Slark is working on conflict management within the Green Lake County Horse Council.

Kauffeld: Kauffeld reported that he is working on redesigning the Tri County Leadership Initiative. He is continuing to research grants for Parks and Recreation, and reported on the possibility of a bike trail connecting Green Lake with the American Baptist Assembly grounds. Discussion followed. Kauffeld also reported that he has been working with the Tri County Tourism Association and assisted with creating a mission statement.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler) to approve out of county days for the educators: Hargrave (2);, Slark (4);, Kauffeld (4.5);, and Spaulding (1). Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION AND VISIT FROM TOM SCHMITZ

New UW-Extension Central District Director Tom Schmitz was in attendance. After introducing himself and describing his background, Schmitz asked that committee members do the same. Discussion followed Schmitz's duties and goals.

OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Spaulding asked the committee whether they objected to meeting on the scheduled date of October 14, 2008. Spaulding explained that Kavanaugh and herself would be on maternity leave, and Zills would be assisting at HCE's *Our Day*, leaving only three agents and the committee in attendance. No objections were raised. The committee meeting will take place on the scheduled date of October 14, 2008.

BREAK

10:15 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:23 a.m.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2008 Fair

ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS - APPROVAL

Zills informed the committee that she has not received a contract from Roy Fleegal for the antique tractor pull. If Fleegal can get the contract in before Fair Set Up Night, she will have the committee approve it at that time. Zills also mentioned that additional maintenance would be required to get the track area set up before the tractor pull due to the demo derby running late on Saturday night.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Treu passed around a schedule for committee members to sign up for office shifts at the fair. Discussion followed with an explanation of general office duties at the fair.

TRACK EVENTS (GATE TENDERS NEEDED)

Kauffeld informed the committee that he is in charge of recruiting volunteers for tending the gates at track events. Any committee member who would be willing to volunteer, or knows of anyone who would, should let Kauffeld know as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PERSONNEL

Zills informed the committee that she has been in contact with Sarah Guenther and is close to securing an adult community service worker for the fair. She is meeting with Melissa Sonntag on Friday, July 11 to secure several underage workers.

MEETING WITH A&P on 8/3/08

Zills informed the committee that A&P (Carnival) does not wish to meet with the committee after the fair this year due to time restrictions. Discussion followed. The committee agreed to meet amongst themselves, and requested that A&P send at least one representative. Zills will convey the request to A&P.

4-H DUNK TANK

Zills informed the committee that the Dunk Tank Committee wishes to make a lockable cover for the dunk tank so that it does not need to be emptied and refilled daily. Zills has contacted Corporate Council Selsing to check if there would be any liability issues. There were no objections from the committee on this matter, as long as Selsing approves of the plan.

PRESS LUNCHEON

Zills thanked the committee members who attended the press luncheon. She reported that she was disappointed because few press and chamber representatives attended. Zills plans on holding the luncheon next year and reevaluating its effectiveness at that time.

FAIR SET UP NIGHT

Fair set up night will be July 24, 2008 at 6:30 PM. All committee members were encouraged to attend.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – REPORT OF LAST MONTH’S COMMITTEE MEETING – INCLUDING Q & A

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that Potter Lawson will have building plans for the August P & I Committee meeting.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that the committee approved Kavanaugh’s request for leave, and discussed employee fitness exams. Employee travel costs were brought up by Human Resource Director Brenda Keller.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that there will be a meeting for Department Heads and the Finance Committee on July 17, 2008. Any County Board Member is welcome to attend.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

Motion/second (Williams/Stoddard) to sign vouchers. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second (Schweder, Williams) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
Account Clerk II