



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION
& FAIR COMMITTEE

June 10, 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, June 10, 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 and K. Zills

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

C. Carroll, S. Wilson, M. Arend, D. Disterhaft, V. Duhr, L. Hazlewood

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Williams, Schweder) to approve the May 13, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. Carroll reported that area libraries are beginning their summer reading programs. Carroll explained that the library is requesting an increase in funds from Green Lake County for the 2009 budget. Carroll asked the UW-Extension Committee to be advocates for the library, and to inform the Finance Committee of area library needs. Arend informed the committee that he had sent the members of the UW-Extension Committee budget information for the upcoming year. This information had been mailed to the County Clerk's office, and never made it to the committee. Arend gave the committee copies he and the library representatives had along. He explained that the budget information must first be approved by the UW-Extension Committee, and then brought to the Finance Committee. Discussion followed. McConnell informed library representatives that she is on the Finance Committee and will be an advocate for the libraries. She also explained that the county is working with a zero budget increase for the coming

year, making increases difficult. Arend will check with the County Clerk's office to make sure the budget information was received at the courthouse. This item was tabled until the June UW-Extension Committee meeting, to allow the committee to study the budget in detail.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UW-EXTENSION COUNTY NEEDS ASSESMENTS

Spaulding explained two survey result reports that were given to committee members. One was a phone survey of Green Lake County residents conducted by UW-Stevens Point, the other was a Community Advisory Group Meeting conducted in three locations in Green Lake County. Discussion followed. Spaulding explained that the Agents are using the information gathered to help them develop and implement programming that is relevant to area residents.

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the educators.

Hargrave: Hargrave reported that she has been assisting area residents with moisture related problems and diseases. Due to high wheat prices, many farmers are growing wheat and have questions regarding the crop. Hargrave has also been assisting with the District 5 Holstein Show, planned for June 11, and assisting residents with questions related to late planting due to the unusually cold weather this spring.

Spaulding: Spaulding reported that she has been trained in the "Strong Women" curriculum, which is geared toward increasing muscle and bone mass in older adults. Spaulding would like to implement the program in Green Lake County. Spaulding will be attending the upcoming WACEC meeting in Stevens Point.

Slark: Slark reported that he is applying for an innovation grant to help promote 4-H. He has also been preparing for 4-H Camp, scheduled for June 18-20. Slark was pleased that six Green Lake County 4-H members/leaders will be attending as counselors, as well as numerous youth campers. The first annual Fairest of the Fair took place, and Slark continues to help develop and promote the Fairest of the Fair competition.

Kauffeld: Kauffeld was not present. McConnell requested that Kauffeld contact her regarding a Tri-County Tourism meeting.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler) to approve out of county days for the educators: Hargrave (1):, Slark (4):, Kauffeld (5.5):, and Spaulding (4). Motion carried.

FACULTY RETENTION FUND APPROVAL – DEAN SLARK

Slark informed the committee that the UW system has a retention fund in place to help retain employees who appear to be underpaid compared to counterparts in their geographical and/or program areas. Slark would like to apply for a \$2,500 per year pay increase, which would amount to \$1,000 paid by the county. Slark passed out a pay comparison sheet showing what UW-Extension Agents are paid in the area. *Motion/second (Stoddard, Traxler)* to approve Slark's application for a pay increase. A vote was taken: Schweder: Aye; Williams: Aye; Stoddard: Aye; Traxler: Aye; McConnell: Aye. Motion carried. Slark will keep the committee informed on whether or not a pay raise is granted.

WNEP FY09 COST SHARE AGREEMENT

Spaulding explained that counties must contribute to the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) budget. Spaulding has worked with area WNEP coordinator Shelly Tiedemann to come up with an appropriate budget. Although the county contributes only \$500.00 monetarily, total contributions are valued at \$7,471 due to donated services and space. *Motion/second (Traxler, Stoddard)* to approve the WNEP 2009 Cost Share Agreement. Motion carried.

UW-EXTENSION SUMMER INTERN

Slark informed the committee that Emily Treu was hired as the UW-Extension Summer Intern. She will have a start date in June. The exact date depends on whether Treu is selected as a State FFA Officer.

BREAK

9:49 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2008 Fair

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - UPDATE

Stoddard left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Zills informed the committee that the county board has decided to hand out balloons and laminated calendars to the public during the fair. Zills is getting some of the

helium donated. Area dignitaries were invited to attend and speak at a special birthday celebration for Green Lake County at the fair, where cake will be served.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES (FAIR PARTICIPATION) - UPDATE

Zills informed the committee that area Historical Societies have been a big help and brochures are close to being finished.

FAIR AND ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS

Zills informed the committee that she had contracts from Rich Swanke and Music Unique Karaoke. *Motion/second (Williams, Schweder)* to sign presented contracts. Motion carried.

Zills informed the committee that Jerome Jahnke agreed to revise his contract so that the fuel surcharge read \$200.00. The contract was signed, per the motion from the May 13 Agriculture, Extension and Fair Committee meeting.

MAINTENANCE PURCHASE (CLAY)

Zills informed the committee that she has spoken with Jerome Jahnke regarding purchasing clay for the fair. The clay is needed for the track, and would cost approximately \$500.00. Traxler suggested asking for a discount in exchange for free advertising at the fair. Zills will look into this. *Motion/second (Traxler, Schweder)* to approve paying up to \$500.00 as needed for clay and hauling costs.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – No report.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that the committee members discussed pay holding for employees to make recordkeeping more accurate.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that committee members discussed the zero budget increase and asked the UW-Extension office to look for ways to cut costs.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second (Traxler, Williams) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
Account Clerk II