



GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION  
& FAIR COMMITTEE

**January 13, 2009**

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, January 13, 2009, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT**

C. Hargrave, A. Kavanaugh, J. Kauffeld, D. Slark, M. Spaulding and K. Zills

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Shelley Tidemann – WNEP Coordinator

**LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT**

Vicki Duhr

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Williams/Traxler) to approve the December 17, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.*

**LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

Written report on file. Duhr asked the committee if members had questions or comments on the written report. McConnell commented on the "Lincolns for the Library" fundraiser. Duhr informed the committee that the Wisconsin Library Association's annual Library Legislative Day is Tuesday, February 3 in Madison.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS**

None

## CORRESPONDENCE

Kavanaugh read an email received by the office from Richard Klemme, Interim Dean and Director of Cooperative Extension. The email thanked Jason Kauffeld for his work on the energy grant application he assisted the County with.

## EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports on file.

**Hargrave:** Hargrave reported that she has been working on year end reporting. She is hosting an ongoing webinar, and assisting area farmers with questions and discussion afterward. The Grain Marketing Club continues to go well. A representative from Brock and Associates presented at the last meeting. Hargrave hosted SNAP+ training, which is a computer program for writing nutrient management plans.

**Spaulding:** Spaulding reported that she has been working on year end reporting. At the last meeting of the Green Lake Area Health and Wellness Coalition, the group heard a presentation from the Cornerstone Project. Spaulding recently presented a nutrition lesson to students at Berlin High School, and will be returning to present later in the year. Programming for the upcoming year will include "Financial Fitness," where participants will learn tools for budgeting.

**Slark:** Slark reported that he has been working on year end reporting. The ongoing marketing video grant project is nearing completion. It should be completed this spring and distributed to counties around the state. Slark held officer training for approximately 25 youth, another session is to come for those unable to attend. Plans are underway for Super Saturday. Older youth trip interviews will be taking place. Slark continues to travel to Madison for his work with the Networking System Team. McConnell commented that Slark's work in this area was important.

**Kauffeld:** Kauffeld reported that he was out of the office for most of December. He worked on and is continuing to work on reporting and planning for 2009. Future plans include a webinar series to take place in Berlin on revitalizing downtowns. Representatives from all cities in the county will be invited to attend.

*Motion/second (Traxler/Williams) to approve out of county days for the educators: Hargrave (6), Slark (4), Kauffeld (4), and Spaulding (1). Motion carried.*

## REPORT FROM SHELLEY TIDEMANN – WNEP COORDINATOR

Tidemann introduced herself to new staff and committee members. She explained that as a Family Living Educator and Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) Coordinator who works mostly with low income clients, her main programming points are food safety, value per dollar, and promoting nutrient rich foods. Tidemann shared her annual report with the committee. She then shared an activity with those in attendance, illustrating the challenges low income families face in buying nutritious foods with limited funds. Discussion followed.

## **WACEC MEMBERSHIP DUES**

This item will be revisited next month.

## **WACEC DISTRICT 3 ANNUAL MEETING (JANUARY 9) REPORT**

Slark and McConnell attended the District 3 Annual Meeting in Stevens Point on January 9, 2009. Slark reported that the future budget was discussed. Both Slark and McConnell attended breakout sessions; Slark on after school programming and measuring impacts, McConnell on beginning farmers and budgeting and finance. McConnell was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

## **BREAK**

**9:43 a.m. - Meeting reconvened at 9:57 a.m.**



## **Fair Committee Discussion – 2008 Fair**

### **2008 FAIR PREMIUMS STATE AID**

Zills informed the committee that state premium aid would be delayed another few weeks.

### **2009 FAIR CONVENTION**

Zills reported that the Fair Convention was going well, and she had met with several vendors. She will return to the convention on January 14.

### **2009 FAIR ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS**

Zills reported that contracts would be available for signing at future meetings for "You Be the Band," ATV races, and a Survivor family game show. Zills asked the committee for their opinion on the option of starting the Demolition Derby earlier this year, as the overflow after the event would be beneficial to the fair. The committee agreed, with 6:00 p.m. being the favored time.

Zills informed the committee that she is considering having donkey races at the 2009 fair. Discussion followed, with agreement that it would be a good attraction.

### **2009 FAIR FUNDRAISER RAFFLE**

Zills asked the committee to look over a raffle ticket proof and to inform her if any changes were needed. Minor wording changes were agreed to. Discussion followed regarding the best time to begin selling tickets. Tickets will go on sale no later than

April 1. Zills informed the committee that the 4-H Leader's Association has agreed to sell any leftover tickets at the basket raffle table during the fair.

#### **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 continues to look into the Lean Thinking idea.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that the committee discussed ways to get revenue into the county. They continue to develop a boat launch fee program.

#### **VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR**

*Motion/second (Traxler/Schweder)* to sign vouchers. Motion carried.

#### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second (Williams/Traxler)* to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh  
Account Clerk