

Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education & Fair Committee
MINUTES
January 8, 2007

The meeting of the Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Hollander at 8:30 a.m., on Monday, January 8, 2007, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Members Present: M. Hollander, S. McConnell, W. Williams and M. Stoddard, V. Ammentorp.

Agents/Staff Present: J. Hoffman, C. Heiman, M. Haak, D. Slark, K. Zills and A. Leppin.

Library Services Represented by: Carroll, Arrend, Hazlewood, Dennell.

Others Present: Marge Bostelmann (Present for Library Report)

M/S(Williams/Ammentorp) to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

M/S(Stoddard/McConnell) to approve the December 12, 2006 minutes. Motion carried.

Library Services Report: Written report is on file. Carroll, Hazlewood, Dennell and Arrend were present. Carroll reported that it is tax time, and the Green Lake Libraries continue to carry tax forms. Dennell reported that a baby massage session will be held at the Green Lake Library on Tuesday. A Youth Photography Contest is being planned at the Green Lake Library and Slark will be in contact with Dennell to assist with this project.

Carroll led the discussion on library funding. The Green Lake County Library Ad Hoc Committee met last week, and a revised draft copy of the Green Lake County Library Agreement was presented to the Committee. The new agreement has wording and grammar changes and the formula has been changed. The new agreement will be based for Budget year 2008 from funds appropriated in 2007; based on 2006 Green Lake County rural circulation and monies extended. The difference amounts to \$7,934 less than previous agreement. Carroll invited the committee to Legislative Day at the Capital on Tuesday, January 23rd to advocate for the libraries that mandates should be funded. **M/S(Stoddard/Ammentorp)** to send amended Library Funding Agreement to the Finance Committee in February. Motion carried. Bostelmann will draft the resolution for the County Board meeting.

Public Appearances/Comments: None.

Correspondence: None.

WACEC District Meeting, Jan. 5, 2007 – Update: Attending Committee members felt it was a very good meeting. They liked having the entire legislative panel answer the same questions. The legislators requested that they be contacted with comments and concerns. The committee felt the identify theft discussion was extremely helpful and very interesting.

Discussion and Preparation for Legislative Visits: Hoffman asked the committee to coordinate and come up with a message for the legislators for March 27th. The message should be a concise personal emphasis on Extension programming. Counties with the same concerns will go as a group to the representing legislator. Committee members will let the UW-Extension office know if they plan on attending the meeting.

Educator Reports: Written reports are on file.

Slark: Reported that he is currently making contacts with various organizations, including the 4-H Leader's Board and Green Lake County 4-H Clubs. He also went over his calendar for the month of February.

Haak: Haak reported she and Hoffman met with the State WNEP program leaders to explore the possibility of expanding the WNEP project into Waushara and Waupaca Counties as the state would like to see WNEP in each county. Plans are being made to share WNEP programming with surrounding counties that currently do not have it. Haak passed out a brochure on the Poverty Simulation Workshop she is hosting on February 23 at the Courthouse from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. and invited the committee members to participate in the event.

Heiman: Shared the Farm Business Arrangements and Farm Transfer Workshop brochure with the committee that is to be held Feb. 7, at the Berlin Town Hall. Stated she had a good turnout for the recent Hybrid Workshop which was teleconferenced to the rest of the state. She is in the process of planning the Heart of the Farm workshop to be held at the Berlin Town Hall on January 24th.

Hoffman: Discussed the Berlin Trail project.

M/S(Stoddard/Williams) to approve out-of-county dates for the educators: Heiman: 7; Hoffman: 2; Slark: 4; and Haak: 5. Motion carried.

Self Initiated Performance Review Discussion: Hoffman informed the committee that the Extension educators will be sending out surveys for the Self Initiated Performance Reviews (S.I.P.R.'s) within the month. He asked that the committee fill them out to the best of their knowledge. Slark will send his surveys to Marquette County.

Break: 9:20 a.m. Meeting Resumed at 9:27

Fair Committee Discussion – 2006 Fair:

2007 WI Association of Fairs Annual Convention Update: Zills has taken care of the registrations for the convention. Hollander will drive to Green Bay and made arrangements for pick up times for those attending.

Little Nashville – Entertainment Booking – 2007: Zills informed the committee that the 2007 fair theme will be "Wild, Wild West", and requested booking Little Nashville as entertainment as they fit the theme. **M/S(Stoddard/Amentorp)** to offer a contract to Little Nashville for \$2,400. Motion carried.

10% Revenue Update: Zills reported that she has been in contact with John Selsing about the Gyro vendor at last year's fair, and he has given her a deadline to pay her bill or he will process a claim in Small Claims Court.

Luedke Sign Repair: Heiman will be attending a Farm Bureau meeting this evening and will discuss this with the Luedke family.

Committee Discussion:

Property & Insurance Committee: Stoddard stated that Potter Lawson and others will be at the February County Board meeting regarding the Courthouse building project.

Personnel Committee: Hollander stated they are continuing to work with the one remaining union on contract negotiations.

Finance Committee: Ammentorp reported that paperwork is being processed for the county to take over the Berlin tax lien property.

Vouchers: M/S(Stoddard/McConnell) to pay Ag/Extension Education and Fair Vouchers. Motion carried.

The next Agriculture Extension Education and Fair Committee meeting will be on February 13, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.

M/S(Stoddard/Williams) to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

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