



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION
& FAIR COMMITTEE

February 10, 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, February 10, 2009, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

None

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

L. DeNell

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Williams/Traxler) to approve the January 13, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. DeNell handed out bookmarks containing information on the new Heritage Quest program available at the libraries and asked whether the committee had any questions on the written reports. None were asked.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

Richard Mace, Dan Berndt, Roy Fleegal and Belinda Fox were present. Mace spoke on behalf of the group, asking the committee whether any action had been taken to allow the presence of a beer tent at the Green Lake County Fair. McConnell

reported that no formal action had been taken by the committee, but the subject could be added as a formal item on the March agenda. In addition, a beer tent would require an ordinance change which could not be accomplished by the Agriculture, Extension and Fair Committee. Questions were raised as to what the proper process would be to gain approval, and who would be responsible for the beer tent during the fair. Discussion followed. This item will be revisited next month, after which McConnell suggested the group take their request to the Property and Insurance Committee and County Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Zills read an email from UW-Extension Central District Director Tom Schmitz, requesting committee members' email addresses. Schweder and McConnell gave their addresses for Schmitz's use.

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the Educators.

Hargrave: Hargrave reported that she has been holding her Crop Decisions series. She is planning private pesticide applicator and nutrient management training and assisted with the Holstein Breeders Association annual meeting. She continues to answer incoming questions and wrap up other winter programming.

Spaulding: Spaulding reported that she has received several requests for programming to aid divorcing families. She is looking into that possibility. Spaulding facilitated her Financial Fitness program which had nineteen participants. She is planning several lunch and learn sessions at area businesses, and will be holding Strong Women training in the near future.

Slark: Slark is planning the 4-H Super Saturday event and youth and adult leader trainings. He asked the committee to refer to his written report.

Kauffeld: Kauffeld reported that he is assisting the county with obtaining funding to hire a grant writer. He continues to hold his Revitalizing Downtowns webinars.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to approve out of county days for the educators: Hargrave (3), Slark (6), Kauffeld (5), and Spaulding (3). Motion carried.

AGENT PLANS OF WORK FOR 2009

Agents briefly described their plans of work for 2009.

Slark: Concentrating on youth and adult leadership

Hargrave: Concentrating on financial issues such as cost of production and marketing, nutrient management and horticulture

Spaulding: Concentrating on the impact of aging on the community, caregiving, nutrition and financial management

Kauffeld: Concentrating on sustainability and green energy, leadership and entrepreneurship and organizational development.

Motion/second (Stoddard/McConnell) to approve Agents' plans of work. Motion carried.

CARRYOVER LETTER

The committee reviewed a letter addressed to the finance committee requesting certain funds to be carried over from the 2008 budget.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve the carryover letter and forward it to the Finance Committee.

UW-EXTENSION COUNTY BOARD REPORT DISCUSSION

The committee received copies of the UW-Extension annual county board report for the 2008 year. Stark asked committee members for questions or comments. McConnell commented that the report was nicely done.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR MOLLY SPAULDING

Spaulding requested committee approval for travel to Nevada from March 15-18, 2009 where she will present her Caregiving Survey at the Aging in America Conference. Spaulding informed the committee that she has applied for grant funding to cover most of the travel cost.

Motion/second (Schweder/Williams) to approve Spaulding's request for out of state travel.

BREAK

9:50 a.m. - Meeting reconvened at 10:01 a.m.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2008 Fair

2008 FAIR PREMIUMS STATE AID

A total of \$4,766.54 was received as state aid in 2008. Zills referred the committee to a letter received from the state informing fairs that state aid will be down next year due to the state budget.

2009 FAIR ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS

Zills presented contracts for a magic act, face painter, strolling entertainment, and interactive music entertainment.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve and sign the four presented contracts.

2009 FAIR FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Zills showed the committee a draft raffle ticket and asked whether she should begin the process of having tickets printed. The committee gave permission, with minor changes to the presented draft ticket.

2008 FAIR ANNUAL REPORT

Committee members were provided with a copy of the 2008 Fair Annual report.

Motion/second (Williams/Stoddard) to approve the 2008 Fair Annual report.

MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS - REVIEW

Committee members were provided with copies of contracts for Jerome Jahnke and Clark Buchanan. Contracts are for years 2009-2011, barring health issues.

Motion/second (Williams/Schweder) to forward contracts to Jahnke and Buchanan.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the committee discussed borrowing enough money to complete the building project, taking advantage of low interest rates.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that the committee continues to explore Lean Thinking, and training on the concept was held for County Board members and Department Heads.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that the committee discussed low interest rates and borrowing for the building project.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Williams/Stoddard) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
Account Clerk