



GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

MAY 10, 2011

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson McConnell at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

S. McConnell, M. Schweder, M. Stoddard, T. Traxler, and M. Whirry

EDUCATORS/STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT

N. Ghimire, J. Kauffeld, K. Ninneman, D. Slark, T Schmitz, M. Spaulding and K. Zills

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Traxler/Schweder) to approve the March 8, March 25, and April 14, 2011 Minutes. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. DeNell reported on several Book Sales taking place at libraries throughout the County and other fundraisers. An update from the Winnefox Library System was given by Arend. The revised 5-year System Contract will be put on the June Agenda. A discussion ensued regarding Fond du Lac Public Library withdrawing from the Winnefox Library System. Fond du Lac has a proposal in place that will be presented at the next meeting.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

D. Priske, Sheriff Podoll

CORRESPONDENCE

An invite was shared with the Committee from HCE inviting everyone to the Thursday, May 12 Achievement Night Banquet. A resignation letter was read from Molly Spaulding, Family Living Educator. Spaulding's last date will be June 3. A WACEC Conference invite was shared with everyone. Slark shared with the Committee that Diana Amend will not be able to fulfill her Intern duties this summer. Plans are underway to interview other candidates that had applied.

CLOSED SESSION FOR UPDATE FOLLOW-UP FROM TOM SCHMITZ, CENTRAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR, PER WI STATUTE 19.85(1)(c)

Motion/second (McConnell/Traxler) to proceed into Closed Session. Motion carried. Roll Call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

RESUME OPEN SESSION

Motion/second (Traxler/Whirry) to return to Open Session. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCE FINDINGS OF CLOSED SESSION

Schmitz reported that the State has a hiring freeze in place until 8/31/11. Schmitz's recommendation to the Committee consisted of a short-term hire (6 months) or interim position (1 year).

FAMILY LIVING EDUCATOR/FILLING VACANT POSITION – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Motion/second (Whirry/Stoddard) to approve filling the Family Living Educator position with a short-term hire (Ad Hoc) position based on the Central District Director's recommendation. Motion carried. Roll Call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2011 Fair

2011 ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

No entertainment contracts were presented at this time.

FAIRGROUNDS STORAGE BUILDING - DISCUSSION

Sheriff Podoll made an appearance regarding space available at the Highway/Fairgrounds. Sheriff reported the department's use of two sheds on the grounds. A suggestion of a fence around the shed to expand space was pursued. One quote totaled \$3,000 and another option resulted in a \$5,500 quote. A

discussion was ensued regarding the pros and cons of the storage use on the grounds for the Fair, Sheriff, and Highway Department. A motion was made to pursue the \$5,500 option with passing the request onto the P&I Committee. *Motion/second (Whirry/Schweder). Motion carried.*

MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Motion/second (Schweder/Whirry) to approve a two-year extension (to 2013) of the Fair Maintenance Contracts. Motion carried.



UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

1. **Slark:** Written monthly report on file. Dean shared a handout prepared by Barb Barker of key points from discussion held during the 4-H Visioning Session.

2. Q & A of Educators' Submitted Monthly Reports

Ghimire: Written report on file. Nav provided more information regarding the Community Garden Project. UWEX will be providing the educational information to participants on cultivating vegetable and fruit crops.

Kauffeld: Written report on file.

Spaulding: Written report on file. Slark thanked Molly for her past six years of service and wished her the best in the future.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to approve out of county days for the educators: Ghimire (.5), Slark (3), Kauffeld (2), Spaulding (1). Motion carried.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – REPORT OF LAST MONTH'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS-INCLUDING Q & A

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the Samuels Group will be around the building for a few weeks yet to wrap up loose ends.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder stated that an update of the Governor's budget was given. She talked about documents needing to be revised when the budget passes that are now included with Union Contracts.
- c. Finance Committee – Whirry reported that a discussion regarding library services/funding were held.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in the UWEX Training Room at the Green Lake County Government Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Traxler/Stoddard) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Zills
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