



GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

MARCH 8, 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, March 8, 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, D. Slark, and K. Zills

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

M. Arend, L. DeNell, and D. Disterhaft

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Traxler/Schweder) to approve the February 8, 2011 Minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. Arend spoke about the handout that included the Library Service Plan and formula for requesting funds. No substantial changes have been made from the prior year's plan. An understanding of budget restraints was discussed. This document will be forwarded to the County Clerk and Corporate Counsel for review.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

D. Piske, and R. Swanke

CORRESPONDENCE

None



Fair Committee Discussion – 2011 Fair

REVISED ALCOHOL SALES/CONSUMPTION CONTRACT-DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Per the Committee's request, Corporate Counsel reviewed concerns and suggested a change of wording. Revised contract was presented to the Committee for approval. *Motional/second (Traxler/Whirry)*. A roll call vote was taken: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

2011 FAIR CONTRACTS – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

No contracts were presented at this time.

FAIRGROUNDS STORAGE BUILDING – DISCUSSION

Traxler updated the Committee and staff regarding the use of extra storage buildings on the Fairgrounds for Fair equipment/furniture, etc. Permission has been given to use half the small building, along with some access to the large building. Use of these buildings has been approved by County departments. Fair maintenance staff will be notified of this change. McConnell will be drafting a thank you letter for the County's support.



UW-Extension Committee Discussion

A motion was made and seconded (McConnell/Traxler) to proceed to the Educators' reports before moving into Closed Session.

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

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

RESUME OPEN SESSION

Motion/second (Traxler/Whirry) to resume to Open Session. Roll Call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nay.

ANNOUNCE FINDINGS OF CLOSED SESSION

A discussion on Agents/Educators and their program areas were discussed with Tom Schmitz and the committee.

EDUCATOR REPORTS

1. **Ghimire:** Written monthly report on file. Ghimire presented a You Tube video on "Why Organic?" Ghimre showed a PowerPoint and reported that organic is the fastest growing sector in the U.S. Further explanation of organic crop/livestock production was given – what is and what is not allowed.

2. Q & A of Educators' Submitted Monthly Reports

Slark: Written report on file. Slark highlighted the upcoming Super Saturday program and his progress with the 4-H Visioning Session.

Kauffeld: Written report on file. It was noted that Green Lake County received a check for \$55,000 and the school received a check for \$12,000 from Focus on Energy through the 25 by 25 plan implementation.

Motion/second (Whirry/Schweder) to approve out of county days for the educators: Ghimire (4), Slark (7), Kauffeld (4). Motion carried.

WACEC MEETING – DISCUSSION

Traxler, McConnell, Whirry, Priske and Slark will be attending the WACEC meeting on Tuesday, March 29. Travel arrangements were made.

UW-EXTENSION COUNTY BOARD REPORT – DISCUSSION

Traxler complimented Slark and Kauffeld for their UW-Extension presentation to County Board last month.

JCEP CONFERENCE (APRIL 4-6) – DISCUSSION

Kauffeld and Ghimire will be attending Conference this year.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard stated that the building should be ready for the April 8th move.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder discussed the new County Dress Code that will not be enforced.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell gave an update regarding Finance.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in the new UWEX meeting room at the Green Lake County Government Center on Highway A.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Zills
Program Specialist