



GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION  
& FAIR COMMITTEE

**APRIL 15, 2010**

The meeting of the Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson McConnell at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 15, 2010, 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 W. Williams

**EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Orrin Helmer, County Board Chairman

**LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT**

C. Carrol

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Schweder/Traxler) to approve the March 9, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.*

**LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

Written report on file.

Carrol reported that area libraries are conducting school visits. Census forms are still available and have been useful to residents, especially those with only a post office box address. The Green Lake Library is working to create strategies to deal with extensive road construction surrounding the library.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS**

Outgoing County Board Chairman, Orrin Helmer, spoke briefly. He noted that due to a change in the original meeting date, he was able to attend part of the meeting before his official retirement from the Board.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Slark presented outgoing Ag/Extension and Fair Committee member Wallace Williams with a certificate of appreciation and thanked him for his service. Slark also presented Board Chairman Helmer with a certificate of appreciation and thanked him for his service.



## Fair Committee Discussion

### 2010 FAIR ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS

Contracts were presented for Christine Wildflower and David Drake. Zills noted that one contract would be paid for as a donation by CHN.

*Motion/second (Traxler/Williams) to sign presented contracts. Motion carried.*

### OSHKOSH AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT

Zills informed the committee that Schweder, 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Jerry Disterhaft, and herself attended an awards ceremony on March 25 where the fair was presented a \$500 grant by the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. The money will be used to purchase two large targets, which will be used when the fair implements a judged youth shooting sports event.

### 2010 FAIR UPDATES

Zills informed the committee that all inside commercial space has been filled, and one spot remains outside. Food vendor spaces are full. All of last year's food vendors are returning, with the exception of the pizza vendor. Discussion followed. Zills will look into the possibility of area restaurants selling pizza on the grounds if one of the current vendors cannot add it to their existing menu.

Badger Mining will be hosting a dig for treasure event in the horse ring, after which the sand will be donated for use in the ring.

*Helmer left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.*

## BREAK

**10:01 a.m. – Meeting reconvened at 10:08 a.m.**

# UW-Extension Committee Discussion

## EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the Educators.

**Spaulding:** Spaulding reported that the StrongWomen class in Berlin has concluded, and the test results showed excellent improvement among the participants. She is currently teaching the class in Ripon. The Green Lake Area Health and Wellness Coalition is working on a strategic plan, a process which will be led by the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute.

**Kauffeld:** Kauffeld reported that he is coordinating the grant received from the Office of Energy Independence. He continues to facilitate the Sustainability Team meetings. The Tri County Leadership Initiative is working on their project, which involves bringing the “Big Brothers, Big Sisters” program back to Green Lake County.

**Ahmed:** Ahmed introduced himself to the committee. He reported that since starting during the third week in March, he has been taking various calls and questions from the public as the Interim Agriculture Agent.

**Slark:** Slark reported that in addition to the programming efforts in his written report, he met recently with Green Lake County Jail coordinators to discuss options for programming in the new jail facility. Slark and Spaulding are considering working together on family related programming when the new facility opens.

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to approve out of county days for the educators: Slark (5), Kauffeld (5.5), Ahmed (0) and Spaulding (4.5). Motion carried.*

## COUNTY BOARD REPORT DISCUSSION

Committee members indicated that the reading of UW-Extension and Fair reports to the County Board went well.

## WACEC CONFERENCE

Slark informed the committee that the Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees (WACEC) conference will be held June 22-23, 2010 in Milwaukee. Any committee member planning to attend should contact UWEX staff at or before the next scheduled committee meeting.

## UWEX SUMMER INTERN UPDATE

Slark informed the committee that a job posting for a UWEX summer intern had been submitted to area newspapers. Interviews will be held in May, with a start date in June. Traxler and McConnell indicated that they would be interested in participating in the interviewing and hiring processes.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the Zoning, Land Conservation and UW-Extension departments explained their space needs at the last meeting.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that the committee approved the UW-Extension Summer Intern position.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that the Land Conservation Department explained their carryover process and needs.

## **VOUCHERS – AG/EXTENSION & FAIR**

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to sign vouchers. Motion carried.*

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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