



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION
& FAIR COMMITTEE

MAY 11, 2010

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 Thursday, May 11, 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 M. Whirry

EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT

Open Session: J. Kauffeld, A. Kavanaugh, D. Slark, M. Spaulding and K. Zills
Closed Session: D. Slark

GUESTS PRESENT

Daniel Priske, County Board Chairman and Tom Schmitz, UW-Extension Central District Director

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

None

AGENDA

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

TOM SCHMITZ, CENTRAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Schmitz reviewed Equal Opportunity requirements of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, the preliminary and final interview process for hiring, and answered questions about budget constraints.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion/second (Traxler/Schweder) to move into closed session for the purpose of employing an Agriculture Agent – ss(19.85)(c). Motion carried.

Moved into closed session at 9:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Motion/second (Schweder/Traxler) to return to open session. Motion carried.

Moved into open session at 1:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE DECISION

Motion/second (Schweder/Traxler) to offer the Agriculture Agent position to Emily Sneller. Should she decline, the position will be offered to Nav Ghimire. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Traxler/Stoddard) to approve the April 15, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None



Fair Committee Discussion

ATV RACES

Zills explained to the committee that the ATV races did not collect enough in gate fees at the 2009 fair to reimburse the fair for the total expense of the event. The fair paid the difference. Bad weather was likely to blame for poor attendance at the event. The committee was asked whether they would like to look at the ATV races as an entertainment event that the fair may need to pay for partially in future years, or if they wish to require all money fronted by the fair to be reimbursed. After discussion, the committee agreed that they wish to speak to Ernie Pulvermacher, ATV event organizer, to see if there are options for repayment should gate fees not cover the total amount fronted by the fair. Zills will contact Pulvermacher to see if he can appear at the next committee meeting.

2010 FAIR ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS

Zills informed the committee that she was in the process of preparing a contract for the alcohol vendor for the fair. Zills asked if the committee had any recommendations. Discussion followed.

GRAVEL FOR CARNIVAL AREA

Zills explained that the carnival area is in need of additional gravel. This request will need to be approved by the Property and Insurance Committee before gravel can be deposited. The Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee will then approve the price at a future meeting before gravel is purchased. Zills will obtain quotes for the gravel, and hopes to obtain a full or partial donation to keep costs down.

Motion/second (Whirry/Stoddard) to send a request to the Property and Insurance Committee for permission to deposit additional gravel at the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

2010 FAIR UPDATES

Zills asked whether the committee wished to impose any restrictions on the advertising of alcohol sales on the fairgrounds. Alcohol advertising will be done Rich Swanke, who is organizing the truck and tractor pull. After discussion, the committee felt it best to keep any advertising for alcohol connected to the truck and tractor pull event, as opposed to the fair.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Zills informed the committee that the certificate of deposit which holds the fees collected from fair vendors will come due in June. At the next meeting, the committee will need to decide if they wish to leave all existing funds in the certificate of deposit, or deposit some of the funds into the fair endowment fund. The endowment fund collects greater interest, but is not as accessible should an emergency situation arise.

MAINTENANCE STAFF - DISCUSSION

Zills informed the committee that Clark Buchanan, who has a contract with the county as a fair maintenance staff person, is currently unable to walk due to an injury. Zills will keep the committee updated.

UW-Extension Committee Discussion

PROMOTION FOR FAMILY LIVING EDUCATOR MOLLY SPAULDING

Department Head Slark, UW-Extension staff and the committee congratulated Spaulding on being promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure.

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the Educators. Slark asked whether the committee had any questions on the reports. None were asked.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – No report given.
- b. Personnel Committee – No report given.
- c. Finance Committee – No report given.

VOUCHERS – AG/EXTENSION & FAIR

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Traxler/Stoddard) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
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