

**Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education & Fair Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 10, 2007**

The meeting of the Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Hollander at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

**Committee Members Present:** M. Hollander, W. Williams, M. Stoddard, V. Ammentorp and S. McConnell.

**Agents/Staff Present:** J. Hoffman, C. Heiman, M. Haak, D. Slark, K. Zills and A. Leppin.

**Library Services Represented by:** V. Duhr.

**M/S(Stoddard/Ammentorp)** to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

**M/S(McConnell/Ammentorp)** to approve the March 13, 2007 minutes. Motion carried.

**Library Services Report:** Written report is on file. Duhr reported that all libraries are gearing up for National Library and Volunteer Week April 15-21. Jerry Apps will be doing a program at the Caestecker Library on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Markesan Library is gearing up for June Dairy Days focusing on "Flavor" the fiberglass cow.

**Public Appearances/Comments: None**

**Correspondence:** Hoffman stated he had a request from the Green Lake County Sheriff to block off a 60"x60" spot with a 6' fence next to their evidence building at the Fairgrounds. Discussion held. The committee was told to think about this as this item will be added to the May meeting agenda.

**WACEC Legislative Visits – Reports:** McConnell and Ammentorp reported on their WACEC visit with the State Legislators. Ammentorp reported that they were informed about the state and county poverty levels and concerns about women in the job market being underpaid. Discussion held on poverty. Other sessions attended were on Community Development programs. All who attended thought it was a "good day".

**Educator Reports:** Written reports are on file.

**Haak:** Reported on the Strengthening Families program which she is conducting along with Adams and Waushara counties. She states that this is a great family program which been proven effective to change behavior in families. She is interested in working with school districts in the county and Hollander and McConnell will make contacts or get her contact names. She also reported on her out of the office days in May.

**Slark:** Reported that he and Hargrave taught approximately 90 youth at the MAQA training sessions. He continues planning the American Spirit Trip, in which 45 youth will attend this summer. He reports that he is reviving the Youth Coalition program, and has sent out a survey to former participants. This is part of his Plan of Work, and he states it will extend his youth development programming beyond 4-H.

**Hoffman:** Reported that the Berlin BID has moved forward after he recently met with them on visionary and planning topics. Several ideas that came out of his meeting with them is that the group will be looking at including offering money/loans to downtown Berlin business owners to give their businesses a facelift, or for them to start their own business as well as other business incentives. He also reported that he and Haak continues to work with the Literacy Council of Green Lake County, which he states is going well.

**Hargrave:** Reported on the Soybean Aphid program; as well as the trials for corn nitrogen, potassium rate, and corn fungicide. Hargrave reported that she has referred Fox River Industries to the state diagnostic clinic for evaluation of a moldy corn sample.

**M/S(Stoddard/Williams)** to approve out-of-county dates for the educators: Heiman: 2; Hoffman: 1.5; Slark: 6; and Haak: 7.5. Motion carried.

**Roll call taken to move into Closed Session per ss.19.85 (c) Considering Employee Evaluations:** Roll Call taken: Stoddard = Aye; Williams – Aye; Ammentorp = Aye; McConnell = Aye; and Hollander = Aye. Committee moved into closed session at 9:15 a.m. to conduct employee evaluations.

Motion by Stoddard/McConnell to move into open session: Roll call taken: Stoddard = Aye; McConnell = Aye; Ammentorp = Aye; Williams = Aye and Hollander Aye. Motion Carried. Committee moved into Open Session at 10:05 a.m. **M/S (Ammentorp/Williams)** to accept performance reviews. Motion carried.

**Break: 10:07 a.m. Meeting Resumed at 10:10 a.m.**

**Fair Committee Discussion – 2007 Fair:**

**Fair Entertainment Contracts - Approval:** Zills presented three contracts for approval: strolling entertainment, a face painter and a snake program. **M/S(McConnell/Williams)** to accept contracts for the three entertainers. Motion carried. Zills presented fair maintenance worker, Jerome Jahnke's contract. **M/S(McConnell/Ammentorp)** to accept and sign Jerome Jahnke's contract. Motion carried.

**IAFE Membership:** Zills explained the benefits of being a member of IAFE and requested permission to pay membership fee. **M/S(McConnell/Hollander)** to "Go For It" and pay for membership in IAFE. Motion carried.

**Bleachers – Track Area:** Discussion held on quote for bleachers at the fairgrounds. Committee would like Zills to check on other options, such as rental.

**2006 Highway Invoices:** Discussion held on 2006 Fair bill from the Highway Dept. which was just received for payment. **M/C(Ammentorp/McConnell)** to pay the bill under protest, along with a letter stating that all bills must be received within 60 days of the fair or the fair will not be responsible for payment of bill. Motion carried.

**Entertainment Update:** Zills reported that all entertainment slots have been filled, and she is awaiting a few contracts.

**Committee Discussion:**

**Property & Insurance Committee:** Stoddard that the committee continues to study the Courthouse building project. LCC was given permission to purchase a photocopier

**Personnel Committee:** Committee is working on union issues and supervision of maintenance staff.

**Finance Committee:** Ammentorp reported that Finance is proposing a new formula for carry-over funds could only be used only for large capital equipment items. Discussion held on IT Department and UW-Extension office needs.

**M/S(Stoddard/Williams)** to approve payment of Ag/Extension and Fair Vouchers. Motion carried,

Next meeting: May 8, 8:30 a.m., Green Lake Co. Demonstration Room.

**M/S(Ammentorp/Stoddard)** to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried.

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