



GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

JANUARY 10, 2012

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, January 10, 2012 with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

EDUCATORS/STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT

N. Ghimire, B. Johnson, J. Kauffeld and K. Ninneman (staff), D. Priske, L. Renaud, L. DeNell, J. Hebbe, T. Schmitz.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

L. DeNell.

AGENDA

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to approve the December 13, 2011 Minutes. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. L. DeNell reported they have some State tax forms at the library, otherwise they are also available online. Each library is conducting fundraising, due to budget concerns.

COUNTY LIBRARY RESOLUTION NO. 23-2011

Whirry commented about the Kingston Library charging the townships an assessment cost of \$1,200 and Marquette Township reduced theirs to \$600. DeNell will address that comment to S. Miller, Kingston Librarian. Whirry and Miller will meet to get this resolved.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD NOMINATION – JIM HEBBE

Jim Hebbe, Department Head from Land Conservation reported the Green Lake County Drainage Board Committee has a vacant spot to fill. Currently it consists of

Wayne Albright and Merlyn Soda. Hebbe said he has received nomination papers from two applicants. They are Steven Disterhaft and Patrick Krueger. *Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder)* to recommend Steven Disterhaft and Patrick Krueger for appointment to the Green Lake County Drainage Board. They will be forwarded on to Judge Slate. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2011 Fair

2011 YEAR-END FINANCIAL UPDATE – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Whirry had a comment regarding the numbers on the Annual Report being correct, along with the date on pg. 2 at the top. The Committee will meet with Zills regarding this when she comes back on Thursday (1-12-12).

WISCONSIN DATCP ANNUAL REPORT – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Motion/second (Whirry/Schweder) to approve the bookkeeping process. Motion carried.



UW-Extension Committee Discussion

FAMILY LIVING EDUCATOR UPDATE / EDUCATOR REPORTS

Johnson: Written monthly report on file. A summary of the Family Living Visioning Session was passed around. Johnson asked the committee what they felt the top priorities were of the Family Living Program. T. Schmitz commented on the position of this Visioning Session and explained the process to meet the needs of the county. He also explained the needs of the Family Living Educator and how she can continue to meet the needs of Green Lake County. Johnson gave a report of her current programming efforts during her interim appointment. The committee gave their comments. A committee member expressed concern with Johnson being a

single person teaching a co-parenting course as well as it being a mandated program. Another concern was that financial coaching is a very important part of the work of the FLE, and can be a huge part of marital difficulties that could lead to divorce. As a whole, the committee feels Johnson is on track with meeting the needs of the county. There was a discussion about the need for Retirement & Workforce Education. T. Schmitz explained the details of filling the FLE permanent position for Green Lake County. The committee is in agreement to extend Johnson's appointment while Schmitz finalizes the details of filling the permanent position in the future. McConnell verbally asked Schmitz to update the committee on the process by June.

BREAK

9:45 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

1. Q & A of Educators' Submitted Monthly Reports

Whirry asked Ghimire regarding the High Tunnell Production System in the winter – kind of greenhouse where they produce vegetables during the winter. It would also extend their auction house growing season during the winter months.

APPROVAL OF OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder). Approved.

REVIEW BUSINESS MEETINGS DURING MEAL TIME – DISCUSSION

Discussion was had regarding business meetings during meal time and whether or not the educators can be reimbursed for them. County policy is for out of county meetings only. Educators will start keeping track of receipts for in-county meetings at meal time.

UW-EXTENSION DEMONSTRATION COOKING STOVE – DISCUSSION

Slark emailed his findings. Tabled to February 14, 2012 meeting.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the courthouse is still for sale. CAI is to come back next month for a full report.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported approval of filling Highway Commissioner position and Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Social Worker position in Human Services. The Commissioner position will be advertised locally and statewide. The ADRC position is fully funded through that program. County Clerk reported that unpaid leave taken by employees resulted in a savings of just over \$9,000. Disciplinary action of an employee and contracting with an Interim Corporation Counsel was discussed in Closed Session.

- c. Finance Committee – Whirry reported there was a Closed Session on the Affeldt situation. A case initiated back in 2008.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

There was discussion regarding paying membership dues for the Educators. *Motion/second (Stoddard/ McConnell)* to sign vouchers for UW-Extension. Motion carried.

MEETING DATE AND TIMES FOR THE FUTURE

J. Hebbe suggested an every other month meeting for Ag/Ext & LCD. There will be further discussion at the LCD Committee meeting this week, with a report at the February 14th Ag/Ext Committee meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. UW-EX Demonstration Cooking Stove
2. Meeting date and times for the future

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-EX Training Room at the Green Lake County Government Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Whirry/McConnell) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Ninneman
Account Clerk II