



GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 8, 2013

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Schweder at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Maureen Schweder, Michael Stoddard, Ben Moderow, Harley Reabe, and Nick Toney.

EDUCATORS/STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT

Nav Ghimire, John de Montmollin, Beth Johnson (Educators), Kathy Ninneman (staff), Jack Meyers (County Chairman) and Kim Zills, absent.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Stoddard/Toney) to approve the September 10, 2013 Minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

Christine Carroll, Berlin Public Library.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. The Libraries are questioning the purpose of bringing the budget to this committee, if the issues aren't going to be resolved before going to Finance Committee. This is to be further reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTE LIMIT

None.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note from Kathy & Bernard Granger, of Hillsboro, who were judges at the fair, was read by Chairman Schweder.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR CNRED EDUCATOR

Tom Schmitz was available via Google Hangout and gave a report regarding the process of moving forward towards the needs of Green Lake County, along with the position description for the CNRED. There was discussion about the possible candidate's ability to write grants and to be very successful writing them. Schmitz said he appreciated the comments, but they are not set up to write grants, they contribute to it, but do not spend a major portion of their time doing that task. Meyers commented regarding the full effort put into this Visioning Session and was wondering if there was as much effort in previous to filling this position. Schmitz said this has been put into place in the last 5-7 years and the position was already filled, as he came on board right after that. The Committee would like more time to study the CNRED position description. Schmitz will come back next month to see what the committee's decision is. **Motion/second (Stoddard/Toney)**. Approved.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2013 Fair

FAIR 2013-14 – DISCUSSION

Nothing.



UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written monthly reports are on file for Ghimire, Johnson and de Montmollin.

1. **John de Montmollin, 4-H Youth Development Educator** – “4-H Program Guide and 4-H Projects.” Reabe asked de Montmollin if he would be visiting the schools. He commented that he has been to all of the Elementary schools in the county, because of the upcoming Cloverbud Day on Saturday, October 20.
2. **Q&A of Educators’ Submitted Monthly Reports**

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Toney/Reabe). Approved.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported they went out to the highway building to view the equipment they have, which is good, but the building will need repair.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported they discussed the Wage Study and received the initial proposal for bargaining on behalf of the Green Lake County Law Enforcement Association. Department Heads are looking at the wage study that was done.
- c. Finance Committee – Reabe said they had two meetings. One was held on September 26th, mainly going over budget issues and all were resolved. On September 30th they had a traveling meeting and visited several properties up for tax deed and they issued seven letters, stating they will be taking their homes.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION

Motion/second (Stoddard/Reabe) to approve vouchers for Ag/Extension Education totaling \$35,938.11. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Tom Schmitz will be addressing the action on the CRD educator for .

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Reabe) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Ninneman
Account Clerk