



GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 9, 2012

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 9, 2012 with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

EDUCATORS/STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT

Nav Ghimire, Beth Johnson, Jason Kauffeld (Educators); Kathy Ninneman and Kim Zills (staff); Jack Meyers (County Chairman); Christine Carroll (Berlin Library); Jeff Friday (Fair Superintendent of the Swine Barn), Bob Kallio (President of the Horse Council), Jerry Paulus (Action Autos-Demolition Derby) and Rich Swanke (Truck & Tractor Pull event organizer).

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Stoddard/Reabe) to approve the September 11, 2012 Minutes. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written reports of each library is on file. C. Carroll, reported that October in Berlin she will be having a cupcake decorating with all the children. There will also be a presentation about "organizing." Local authors have visited. Vicki in Princeton is having a fundraiser with the quilt that is on display.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPEARANCES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Zills read thank yous from Melissa Abel, and UB the Band.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2012 Fair

2013 DEMOLITION DERBY CONTRACT – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Jerry Paulus from Action Auto that puts on the Demolition Derby explained they have more Demolition Derbies than drivers. He has been putting in more prize money himself. He is having problems getting drivers to come because of the low prize money paid out, and in order for the drivers to maintain the cars. His recommendation is to up the prize money \$500. We did have 2 local men from the area. There was much discussion on the advertising of this event. This will be tabled until next month's meeting. **(Reabe/Moderow)** Motion carried. Zills will present the committee with a history report next month.

TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL CONTRACT – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Reabe was concerned regarding the way the contract was written. He was wondering since Rich Swanke's name is on it and would the county be held liable, if there would be any reason. This was motioned to table until next month. **(Reabe/Stoddard)**. Motion carried.

YOUTH EXHIBIT COMMITTEE REVIEW

Schweder said the Mandatory Meeting was changed to the Wednesday of fair week. They would also like to see some sign diagrams in the Exhibit Building, that are higher for people to see where they are going.

REPAIR SWINE PENS REQUEST – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Jeff Friday, Superintendent of the Swine Barn and Livestock Committee member reported that the pens are coming apart, pigs are running loose at times and some are getting hurt. He commented they are looking to start to replace 30 pens, which is approximately half the amount of pens, at a cost estimate from Animart, of Beaver Dam of \$15,000, plus they give a 10% discount. The Livestock Committee will be making a donation and they are looking for other donations. Friday asked the committee if they would be willing to help with a portion. It was motioned to table this until next month and Zills will look into it further. **(Schweder/Stoddard)** Motion carried.

HORSE COUNCIL REQUEST – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Kallio explained the 4-H Horse Show procedure to the committee. He reported that their membership has been decreasing. They would like it, if possible, to change the appearance of their venue, by cleaning up some of the debris surrounding it. They

would like to continue to have a good dialogue with the Highway Dept. and be able to use the facility throughout the months of May-July. Kallio will contact the Highway Commissioner regarding the clean-up process of the arena, along with Moderow, since he is an alternate on that Committee.

FAIR LIABILITY – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Zills brought to the Committee her concern regarding alcohol on the fairgrounds during the fair, if it were sold or brought in by oneself and an injury occurred, and wondered where the liability would lie. She consulted with Marge Bostelmann, who in turn received an email from Karen Flynn, of the insurance company. She stated the county's liability policy does not contain an exclusion for liquor liability, therefore coverage is afforded to the county. However, in the event that someone is injured as a result of being served/sold/consuming alcohol that the county itself is not providing, the liability exposure is transferred from the county. In the event that the county is named in an action, the Mutual has a duty to defend, however, liability lies with the negligent party and the fact that consumption is taking place on county property, does not equal negligence on the part of the county. Since you are requiring that the vendors/organizers of events held at the fair ground provide the county with evidence of their own insurance, further limits your liability exposure.

WAF DISTRICT MEETING – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Zills asked the Committee for permission to attend the Wisconsin Association of Fair District Meeting in Jefferson, Thursday, October 18. **Motion/second (Stoddard/Reabe)** for Zills attend the District Meeting. Motion carried.



UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

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

1. **Beth Johnson, Family Living Educator**, reported on Traits of a Strong & Healthy Family.
2. **Ghimire** gave a short report on a state Extension Educators and Program Evaluation Results of a UW-Extension Survey.
3. **Q & A of Educators' Submitted Monthly Reports**

APPROVAL OF OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Stoddard/Toney). Approved.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported about the Bicycle Trail in Berlin and they had a person from Ripon that wants to ride horses on it and he is against it.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder’s report from the 9-5-12 and 9-20-12 meetings was the discussion of a draft Administrative Policy Manual and Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual. Questions about language were clarified and some changes were made. The committee approved the increase in hours for the Account Clerk II position in the UW-Extension Department and also approved modifying hours in the Communication and Corrections Division in the Sheriff’s Office that will result in a cost savings to the county.
- c. Finance Committee – Reabe reported they are continuing to work on the 2013 Budget. Sales tax is coming in good. Boat launch fees up this year. They did a tour on four homes that haven’t paid taxes and will be taking possession of two of them.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

Motion/second (Stoddard/Toney) to approve vouchers for Ag/Extension Education and the Fair totaling. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Fairground Barn Roofs
- Rich Swanke

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. in the UW-EX Training Room at the Green Lake County Government Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Toney/Moderow) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Ninneman
Account Clerk II