



GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

APRIL 25, 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 Thursday, April 25, 2013 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 and Darrell McCauley (Educators), Kathy Ninneman and Kim Zills (staff); Tom Schmitz, North Central District Director; David Berard, Associate Program Director for CONRAD (Community of Natural Resources & Economic Development) and Tony Daley, Reporter from the Berlin Journal.

AGENDA

Motion/second (Stoddard/Toney) to approve the agenda, with the exception of moving the Closed Session to #8. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Reabe/Stoddard) to approve the March 12, 2013 Minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

Linda DeNell from Caestecker Library.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND/OR COMMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2013 Fair

ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

- Ken Lonquist (8/1/13) \$483.52.

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

WAF DISTRICT MEETING – UPDATE

Zills reported that she did not attend the WAF Spring District meeting in Elroy on April 11 due to inclement weather.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE (PEN PROJECT) – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Zills reported attending the Livestock Committee meeting on April 16 to announce that the Alliant Energy Foundation awarded them a \$2,500 grant for the Pen Project that she submitted at the beginning of 2013. An additional \$500 will be received from Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative to put towards this project. Zills asked the Committee to consider matching these funds (\$3,000) for a total of \$6,000. The Livestock Committee reported that they received an estimate from an Amish business at approximately \$250/pen (including hardware and paint). If matching funds were approved the Livestock Committee could proceed by ordering 25 pens that would be available for the 2013 Fair. Zills reported that she is working on a fundraising project (Adopt-a-Pen) with the Livestock Committee to secure additional funding for this project. It is anticipated that approximately \$26,000 will be needed to purchase a total of 104 pens. **Motion/second (Stoddard/Toney)** to match the grant funds for the pens. Motion carried

FAIR COMMITTED FUNDS – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Zills asked the Committee to approve using \$3,000 from this fund for the Livestock Committee Pen Project. Zills also asked if any of these funds would be needed for roof and barn improvements per Harley Reabe's report given to the Livestock Committee on what repairs/improvements need to be addressed and by whom. Zills reported that there was a small amount (\$474.99) of funds still available from a gun raffle held several years ago. These funds were raised specifically for 4-H projects. The 4-H Dog project is also in need of funds for their new agility course that will be a judged event at this year's Fair. Zills asked the Committee to approve disbursing \$25.01 from the Committed Funds for a total of \$500 to be split between the Livestock Committee and 4-H Dog Project. This would close the raffle account.

Motion/second (Toney/Stoddard) to take the rest from the Committed Funds to total \$500. Motion carried.

2013 FAIR UPDATES

Zills reported that top priority is finalizing the Schedule of Events. Vendor space has all been accounted for. There are no available booths/lots at this time.



UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

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

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Stoddard/Reabe). Approved.

MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION PER ss19.85(1)(c) – 3:05 p.m.

Considering employment, promotion, compensation or evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility –UW-Extension promotion process. **Motion/second (Stoddard/Toney).** Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 4:15 p.m.

To take action, if appropriate on matters discussed in Closed Session. **Motion/second (Stoddard/Reabe).**

- Motion in favor of maintaining and supporting the CRD position. **Motion/second (Toney/Reabe).** Motion carried.
- Motion was made that the Committee would like more evidence of the impact in the CRD position. **Motion/second (Toney/Reabe).** Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Ghimire as full-time Dept. Head. **Motion/second (Toney/Moderow).** Motion carried.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported they are hopeful for better weather so the piers can be installed. Future agenda items for P&I will be the 4-H Dog Project and the Swine/Sheep barn roof repairs.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported they approved filling a part-time vacant Secretary/Data Entry Clerk position in the Highway Department. They discussed the Exempt Employee Flex Time Sub-Policies for the County Surveyor/Land Development Director and Land Conservation Director. They

also reviewed updated job descriptions for the Sheriff's Office and Highway Department.

- c. Finance Committee – Reabe did not have much to report, except for still waiting for a house in Berlin to sell.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

Motion/second (Reabe/Toney) to approve vouchers for Ag/Extension Education and the Fair totaling \$56,811.21. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Moderow) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Ninneman
Account Clerk