



## GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

### AUGUST 14, 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, August 14, 2012 with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

### EDUCATORS/STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT

Dean Slark, Beth Johnson, Jason Kauffeld (Educators); Morgan Fox, Kathy Ninneman and Kim Zills (staff); Linda DeNell (Caestecker Library); Joanne Guden (Committee floater); Jack Meyers (County Chairman); Sheriff Mark Podoll; LeAnn Friday and Chumley Mace (Livestock Committee); and Rich Swanke (Truck & Tractor Pull event organizer).

### AGENDA

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

### MINUTES

**Motion/second (Reabe/Stoddard)** to approve the July 10, 2012 Minutes. Motion carried.

### COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. DeNell said the Summer Reading has wrapped up and they are in the budget process. She invited everyone to a special presentation of "Piracy on the Great Lakes" at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Caestecker Library in Green Lake.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sheriff Podoll brought a concern to the committee regarding the beer distribution during the Truck & Tractor Pull. Those that purchase beer were able to go on either side of the bleachers. Zills commented there was a snow fence that was to be in place. The snow fence was never put up by the fair grounds crew, but instead by the person in charge of the event, in past years. This year the snow fence was never put up during the sale of beer. Meyers commented that some of the actual operators of the Tractor & Truck Pullers and the Demolition Derby were consuming alcohol before and after their events. This is a concern in the case of an accident

during the event at the fair. Swanke made a request to be put on next month's committee agenda regarding beer sales during the Truck & Tractor Pull.

LeAnn Friday, President of the Livestock Committee, brought a concern to the Ag/Ext Fair Committee about the exhibitor that was excused from the Mandatory Livestock Meeting prior to the fair on July 26, 2012, per the Ag/Ext Fair Committee's over-ruling decision, after the Youth Exhibit Committee voted against it (22-2) on July 24, 2012. Schweder commented the process does need some changes. Reabe also commented saying they looked at this situation, and if they denied this individual to participate, it might carry through to the other 4-H members. Mace commented that it is a privilege to be in the auction and there are only 3 criteria's to be in the auction: 1) Mandatory MAQA, 2) Attend one Livestock Committee meeting, 3) Attend the Mandatory fair meeting. Friday has received several suggestions for changes and while working at the State Fair this past week, she was able to collaborate with people from other counties and got suggestions from them as well. In going forward, the Livestock Committee will be looking into some changes they will be putting into place regarding the Mandatory Meeting, along with suggestions made from the Ag/Ext Fair Committee. Slark said there will be a Youth Exhibit Committee meeting to be held on August 29 in the Training Room at 7 p.m.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Zills read thank you notes from Saddle Goettl, Quentin Krentz, Chad Bruss, Mayo family and Uncle Ozzie.



## Fair Committee Discussion – 2012 Fair

### FAIR 2012 UPDATES/COMMENTS/CONCERNS – DISCUSSION

Zills thanked the committee and the County Board Supervisors for all of their wonderful help in the Fair Office. She was also very appreciative to Sheriff Podoll for his appearance on the fairgrounds at all times during the fair. Zills said the revenue seems to be right in place with other years, considering the weather. The judging results have all been recorded, with difference in premiums being approximately \$15 from 2011.

Zills commented about the beer consumption and asked if the fair would be liable if there was an accident, during the sale of beer. Reabe suggested that the person running the event should have this in their rules. Meyers asked if there is a policy on this and to contact Marge Bostelmann to contact County Mutual Insurance.

### 2012 CARCASS EVALUATION EXCUSED ABSENCES – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

**Motion/second (Stoddard/Reabe)** to approve. Reabe asked Slark if this is something that has been done in the past. Slark agreed. Motion carried.

## 2012 FAIR BUDGET – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

This was already done at the July 10, 2012 meeting.

## 2012 DEMOLITION DERBY – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Zills said Jerry Paulus from Action Auto, who is the event organizer, would like to be put on the agenda for next month's committee meeting. Reabe asked about contacting a local organizer for this event, considering the lower number of attendance, and might encourage more locals to attend. Kauffeld also commented that the Demolition Derby is getting to be a shorter timed event. Swanke commented that he would like to work with Zills to offset some of the entry fees for the event and possibly have a Demolition Race prior to the Derby.

## 2013 FAIR CONTRACTS – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Zills has already two contracts for 2013 and they are for the Carnival and Uncle Ozzie. The dates for the fair next year are August 1-4, 2013. **Motion (Stoddard/Reabe)** to approve these contracts, as long as the Corporation Counsel approves them. Motion carried.



## UW-Extension Committee Discussion

## EDUCATOR REPORTS

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

1. **Jason Kauffeld, Community Resource Development Educator**, reported on Square Foot Gardening and we walked outside and toured the county garden.
2. **Q & A of Educators' Submitted Monthly Reports**

## APPROVAL OF OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

**Motion/second (Stoddard/Reabe)**. Approved.

## OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST - KAUFFELD – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Kauffeld is presenting at the National Outreach Convention in Tuscaloosa, Alabama from Sept. 30-Oct. 3. **Motion/second (Schweder/Stoddard)**. Motion carried.

## UPDATE ON FAMILY LIVING EDUCATOR

Slark said that Johnson signed the contract that she was offered for the Full Time position as the FLE. Johnson is looking forward to her permanent position and starting her long term planning.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that there was a small amount of damage at the Dodge Co. Park. Otherwise all is good.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder’s report from the 7-17-12 meeting was that Mike Blaska of Wisconsin Counties Association Services provided information about insurances and critical illness coverage that could be offered to employees at their expense. If a decision is made to offer the benefits, a presentation would be made to employees. They also approved the extension of one LT jail recidivism counselor. The position is funded by a grant. An exit interview was conducted with a retiring employee. For the 7-24-12 meeting: It was approved filling a vacant position in the Treasurer’s office due to a retirement. Also approved the 2013 budget for costs related to labor issues. Previously the budget was for Mediation/Arbitration. Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Adams counties are planning to meet with two firms concerning a wage study. The counties hope to save money by coming together for the study. The County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and Non-Union handbooks were reviewed along with a discussion of employee benefits.
- c. Finance Committee – Reabe reported that they are looking at taking over a house due to taxes and requesting all of the departments getting their budgets to them.

## VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

**Motion/second (Reabe/Stoddard)** to approve vouchers for the Fair totaling \$19,983.17. Motion carried. **Motion/second (Stoddard/Reabe)** to approve vouchers for Ag/Extension Education totaling \$1,647.15. Motion carried.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Rich Swanke from the Truck & Tractor Pull
- Jerry Paulus from Action Auto

## NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. in the UW-EX Training Room at the Green Lake County Government Center.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion/second (Schweder/Stoddard)** to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Ninneman  
Account Clerk II