



GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 10, 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, September 10, 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), Kim Zills (staff), Jim Hebbe, Land Conservation Department Head, and Kathy Ninneman, absent.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Stoddard/Toney) to approve the August 13, 2013 Minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

Linda DeNell, Caestecker Public Library.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – NEEDS ASSESSMENT & PARTNERING ON PROJECTS

Kathy Munsey, Green Lake County Health Nurse, shared a copy of 2012 Community Health Assessment with all present. She reported to the Committee on how to incorporate the plan set forth by them within the Committee and UWEX office. She shared strengths and weaknesses of the County. The CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) will be worked on by the GLC Wellness Coalition. Nutrition, Physical Activity, Mental Health/Drugs/Tobacco/Alcohol are key areas to be addressed. She informed everyone that grant opportunities are available if educators would be interested in applying to work on programs that involve these

issues. Kathy welcomed everyone to attend future Wellness Coalition meetings. Educator, Beth Johnson, is currently a member of this group. Kathy stated their goal is to become a healthier county by improving their rank of 65 out of 72.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND/OR COMMENTS

Merlyn Soda handed out a document for the Committee to read regarding his non-appointment to the Drainage Board to make sure everything was done correctly/legally. Hebbe spoke favorably of Merlyn's prior 12 years of service, half of which he was Chairman. Judge Slate recently appointed a member from three applicants to fill this vacant position.

CORRESPONDENCE



Fair Committee Discussion – 2013 Fair

WAF CONVENTION/FOF BANQUET – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Zills did not receive Convention information in time for meeting. Reservations are due early November. Since she is unable to attend the October meeting, a request from the Committee to approve Zills attendance at the Convention in January was requested. Zills also reported that she would be attending the Fall District Meeting in October, therefore will be absent from next Committee meeting. **Motion/second (Schweder/Stoddard)** to approve the attendance at the Convention & Fall District meeting. Approved. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0.

2014 FAIR CONTRACTS – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Zills presented a Contract for 2014 from Dizzy D. Clown. The Contract totals \$900 for two days (4.5 hours each day). **Motion/second (Toney/Stoddard)** to approve the contracts. Approved. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0.

2013 FAIR UPDATES

Zills reported that 10% fees are still being received. She will submit a completed report in the next few months. Zills also stated that a phone call from David Kohn was received regarding the Horse Pull. He thanked the Fair Committee for allowing this event to be held again this year and would like them to consider holding this event in 2014. The organization is very happy at putting on this event at the Fair.



UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

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

1. **Nav Ghimire, Agriculture Agent** – Reported on Senator Olsen’s visit to the Amish Community (Tri-County Auction House in Dalton) to determine the impacts of UWEX due to vegetable programs. Ghimire stated that Senator Olsen thanked him for the wonderful educational visit. He would definitely return as a consumer in the future.
2. **Q&A of Educators’ Submitted Monthly Reports** – Johnson thanked the Committee for allowing her out-of-state travel for programming.

APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR NAV GHIMIRE, TO ATTEND PROGRAM EVALUATION CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON D.C., OCTOBER 13-19, 2013

Ghimire asked the Committee for approval to attend above named Conference. There will be no cost obligation to Green Lake County UWEX except travel to and from airport and some meals, totaling approximately \$200. **Motion/second (Toney/Moderow)** to approve attendance. Approved. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR 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 that the Committee met at the previous Health & Human Services Building to look over the set-up and current Food Pantry for future consideration.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that the Committee approved amending the Policies and Procedures Manual to include breaks, change in vacation policy so an employee can receive five days of vacation after 6 months, but less than one year and made a change in compensation time to allow UWEX employees to accumulate 40 hours of comp time during the week of the fair and hours in excess of 40 hours will be paid out. The amendments will go to the County Board for approval at their September meeting.
- c. Finance Committee – Reabe stated the 2014 budgets were reviewed. If there were any questions, individual departments were addressed. The Committee will be visiting delinquent properties at the end of the month.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

Motion/second (Reabe/Schweder) to approve vouchers for Ag/Extension Education and the Fair totaling \$24,059.02. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Tom Schmitz will be addressing Visioning Session results at the October meeting

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Zills
Program Specialist