



The meeting of the Green Lake Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Maureen Schweder at 3:04 p.m., on Monday, March 10, 2014 in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Maureen Schweder, Chair
Nick Toney, Vice-Chair
Ben Moderow
Harley Reabe
Michael Stoddard

Staff Present: Nav Ghimire
John de Montmollin
Kathy Ninneman
Kim Zills

Others Present: Jack Meyers, County Board Chairman
Tom Schmitz, North Central District Director
Christine Carroll, City of Berlin Librarian

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Reabe/Stoddard) to approve the February 11, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written reports on file. Carroll addressed some concerns about the financial report of the Library Budget. The Winnefox Board of Trustees has no jurisdiction over the finances of the libraries in Green Lake County. That oversight is the responsibility of the Library Boards and the municipalities they are in. 70% is the level below which funding for libraries may not fall. The Counties of Winnefox have all funded their libraries at over 100% except for Marquette County which is the poorest of the five counties in Winnefox. There was discussion about future meetings with the governing committee to get on the Finance Committee agenda for a future meeting as well. Schweder will contact Mark Arend for more information and to set up a date for a meeting.

NICK TONEY SEATED

Motion/second (Reabe/Moderow) to seat Toney at 3:25 PM. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

PUBLIC APPEARANCES – none

CORRESPONDENCE - none

2014 FAIR UPDATES/CONTRACTS

Zills reported there are several contracts waiting to be returned and some new events at the fair.

UW-EXTENSION: EDUCATOR REPORT

Amanda Miller, WNEP Coordinator, could not attend because of the meeting date change.

Q&A OF EDUCATORS' SUBMITTED MONTHLY REPORT

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

CNRED EDUCATOR UPDATES

Schmitz reported the preliminary interviews were held in Stevens Point on Wednesday, March 5, having interviewed five candidates. There will be three candidates that will be moving on to the Green Lake interviews on Friday, March 21. Schmitz will work on some draft questions and will present those at their meeting at 10:30. Reference checks are in the process and will be complete by final interviews.

FAMILY LIVING EDUCATOR POSITION – TIME/SCHEDULE

There was discussion regarding the Family Living position. The Committee feels there is a strong need for this position. Schmitz will draft a position description and present it at the Friday, March 21, 2014 meeting at 10:15 a.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE UW-EX TRAINING ROOM

Currently to use the UW-Extension Training Room a staff member must be present in the building. Since there are multiple 4-H and HCE groups that use the Training Room in the evening, de Montmollin has decided to have multiple meetings held at once, in order to maximize the efficiency of the Training Room.

2013 CARRYOVER REQUEST

Ghimire presented to the Committee the suggestion for the UW-EX Carryover Funds and it is to help fund the purchase of a divider curtain for the Training Room. Chairman Meyers commented that this is exactly what he wants to see all departments do, to save into Capital Equipment to plan for future needs. **Motion/second (Toney/Reabe)** Motion carried. Approved 5-0.

4-H AMBASSADOR QUILT REQUEST TO BE ON DISPLAY IN THE TRAINING ROOM

de Montmollin explained to the Committee about the history of the 4-H Ambassador quilt. The 4-H Ambassadors would maintain it. There was discussion of where to hang it, and length of time it would be hung. de Montmollin will contact Weir in Maintenance and respond back with the information.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Moderow/Toney). Approved.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported the Maintenance Dept. recently purchased a whacker for \$45,000, they were renting it for \$15,000/year.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported the main item at the last meeting was the approval to fill the following vacant positions: Court Records Clerk; Clerk of Circuit Courts Office; Community Health Educator, Health & Human Services; Soil Conservationist I and II and Administrative Assistant, Land Conservation; Corporation Counsel; and Mechanic II, Highway.
- c. Finance Committee – Reabe reported they discussed property deeds, much discussion on the Libraries and the bathrooms at Fox River Industries.

VOUCHERS

Motion/second (Reabe/Schweder) to approve vouchers for Ag/Extension Education as presented totaling \$1,499.60. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: 4-H Ambassador Quilt request to be on display in the Training Room.

Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 3:00 PM, in the Training Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Toney) to adjourn at 4:13 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman
Program Specialist