



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Joanne Guden, at 8:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 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: Joanne Guden, Vice-Chairman      Absent: Maureen Schweder, Chairman  
Patti Garro  
David Richter  
Michael Stoddard

Staff Present: Nav Ghimire  
Jay Dampier  
John de Montmollin  
Katie Gellings  
Amanda Miller  
Kathy Ninneman  
Kim Zills

Others Present: Harley Reabe, floater; Clairelynn Sommersmith, from Princeton Library; Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspapers.

#### **AGENDA**

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

#### **MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Stoddard/Richter)*** to approve the March 8, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – None.

#### **COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

Submitted monthly reports on file. Sommersmith wished everyone a Happy Library Week and briefly summarized a few items. She also updated the Committee on the Princeton expansion.

#### **SEAT SUPERVISOR GARRO**

***Motion/second (Richter/Stoddard)*** to seat Supervisor Garro, 8:06 a.m.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Norman Miller, Amish – appreciation of Green Lake County UW-EX Agriculture Agent, Ghimire.

#### **TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL UPDATE**

Nothing.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS**

- Hypnotist, Jay Hess, \$1,200
- Modern Rentals – no increase from 2015 - \$2,732.10
- Modern Rentals for the AgEducation - \$344.50 (Zills wrote a grant for naming rights to Landmark)

***Motion/second (Garro/Richter)*** to approve the contracts as presented. Motion carried.

## **FAIR UPDATES**

- AgEducation Station – Matt Graff, from Farm Bureau, has been very instrumental with this new event.
- State Aid was increased by \$164 this year.
- Zills received the scholarship to attend the IAFE (International Association of Fairs & Expositions) Zone 4 Conference in Green Bay, April 4-6. The only expense for the county was mileage. She said it was a very good conference, being more educational based.

## **EDUCATOR REPORT**

Miller, Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program Educator, presented to the Committee, “The ABC’s of Nutrition Education.” Lots of discussion about educating children on fruits/vegetables and family/food preparation.

## **Q&A OF EDUCATORS’ SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS & RELEVANT TRAININGS, MEETINGS & PROGRAMS**

Written monthly reports on file for Dampier, de Montmollin, Gellings, Ghimire and Miller were reviewed. Ghimire, de Montmollin, Gellings and Dampier gave brief verbal reports of their present programming.

## **APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS**

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

## **TRI-COUNTY PRODUCE AUCTION AG EXTENSION PROGRAM REVENUE TO UW-EXTENSION**

UW-Extension received a check for \$1,000 from the Amish Tri-County Produce Auction, as a thank you for Ghimire’s good work with them. *Motion/second (Garro/Richter)* to send this on to the Finance Committee. Approved.

## **UW-EX BEGINS TO OFFER WATER TESTING PROGRAM TO COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Ghimire reported that he has received several requests to test water. There was discussion about the different places that currently offer water testing and the cost. Guden requested that he continue to research this and bring it back to the Committee.

## **nEXT GENERATION OF UW-EXTENSION – TOM SCHMITZ**

Schmitz suggested to the Committee to keep this topic on the agenda every month. He explained the Work Group application, which is due today. de Montmollin is nominating Maureen Schweder and Joanne Guden to be on the Work Group. There was discussion about the reorganization. Staffing changes won’t take effect until late 2016, early 2017. He suggested to maintain the same budget. The 133 contracts will be out soon, as they are on a calendar year contract. Schmitz also announced to the Committee that he is retiring the end of June.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Guden thanked Stoddard for his many years of service to this Committee and the County Board.

## **VOUCHERS**

*Motion/second (Richter/Garro)* to approve the vouchers for Ag/Extension Education and Fair as presented totaling \$66,003.20. Motion carried.

## **CERTIFICATION OF APPRECIATION: MAUREEN SCHWEDER**

Since Schweder is ill, we will table this to the May meeting.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Ghimire.
- Next regular meeting date: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 in the Training Room at 10:00 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Garro)* to adjourn at 9:11 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Ninneman, Program Specialist*