



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Maureen Schweder at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 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
Joanne Guden, Vice-Chair
Patti Garro
David Richter
Michael Stoddard

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

Others Present:
Harley Reabe, floater, and Tony Daley, Berlin Journal
Newspapers, Linda DeNell, Caestecker Librarian.

Staff Absent: Alyssa Berndt
Amanda Miller

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Richter/Guden) to approve the April 14, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES – None.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Submitted monthly reports on file.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL UPDATE

Swanke was not present for a report.

ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS

Zills is waiting to receive one more contract.

INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS

Zills gave the Committee a handout on the presentation she will be giving tomorrow night at the Markesan Historical Society on the "History of the Green Lake County Fair."

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM EXPENDITURE / 4-H DOG PROJECT

Joyce Affeldt and Joanne Klatt, 4-H volunteer leaders, have this project all wrapped up through donations for the sand and the spreading of it.

ADOPT-A-PEN CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Zills reported a remaining balance of \$840.00 is left to complete the funding. All pens are ordered. The signage is left to finish.

EDUCATOR REPORT

Ghimire, Agriculture Agent, presented to the Committee, "Interplant Flowers with Vegetables to Increase Beneficial Insects."

Q&A OF EDUCATORS' SUBMITTED MONTHLY REPORT

Written monthly reports on file for Berndt, Dampier, de Montmollin, Gellings and Ghimire were reviewed.

USE OF GRANT MONEY FOR THE WISCONSIN HICKORY ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS

Ghimire explained to the committee that he had the opportunity to write a grant to form the Wisconsin Hickory Association for \$1,700. During the past year, the money has been used to form the WHA and has become a registered non-profit organization. They have expensed \$875.23 of the grant funds, with a remaining balance of \$824.77. The WHA is now independent. Ghimire will contact the Funding Agency, and get written clarification on two points: 1) does the grant funds need to be spent on the WHA? 2) If no, how much latitude does the fiscal agent (i.e. committee) have in determining how the funds should be used? Ghimire will report back at the June meeting.

MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION PER ss19.85 (1)(c) CONSIDER EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – 10:39 a.m.

Motion/second (Richter/Guden) to proceed into Closed Session. Motion carried and Roll Call taken.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 10:55 a.m.

Motion/second (Guden/Garro) to return to Open Session. Motion carried and Roll Call taken.

Motion/second (Guden/Stoddard) to approve as recommended the employee evaluations and the new format of self-evaluation, Chairperson and Committee review. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Richter/Garro). Approved.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Nothing.

VOUCHERS

Motion/second (Stoddard/Richter) to approve the vouchers for Ag/Extension Education and Fair as presented totaling \$1,616.15. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- More information regarding the use of grant funds of the Wisconsin Hickory Association.
- Next regular meeting date: Tuesday, June 9, 2015 in the Training Room at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Guden/Stoddard) to adjourn at 11:03 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Program Specialist*