



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Maureen Schweder at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 12, 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; Joanne Guden; David Richter and Michael Stoddard

Absent: Nick Toney, Vice-Chair

Staff Present: Alyssa Berndt, Jay Dampier, Morgan Fox, Nav Ghimire, John de Montmollin, Kathy Ninneman, and Kim Zills.

Others Present: Harley Reabe, County Board Committee Floater; Christine Carroll, Librarian, Berlin Public Library; Rich Swanke, Pullers Inc.; and Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspapers.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Guden/Stoddard) to approve the July 8 and 15, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Rich Swanke is requesting an additional show for Friday night of the 2015 Fair. Friday would be the National Truck Pullers. This will be add to a future agenda.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES – none.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Submitted Monthly Report - Written reports on file. Carroll reported that Kingston is having an auction in October. They are accepting donations and the profits will go toward their library. Green Lake had a wonderful 20th Anniversary celebration. The Hwy. 23 construction has put a “hole” in their participation at the library. The fair participation was great during the library program. Berlin had a very well attended Smoothie program and the Whooping Crane program is starting this fall.

CORRESPONDENCE – Zills read a thank you from Melissa Abel for the Best of Show ribbon the Committee sponsored that she received at the fair.

2014 FAIR RECAP

Schweder thanked the entire staff of UW-Extension for all of the work at the fair and afterwards. Zills reported the science and animal educational programs she contracts for at the fair, the kids just love and there is great attendance. Besides the rain, the numbers were still great. The Horse Pull was cancelled based on the safety of the horses on the track. They also stated they have decided to step down and will leave that spot open for another opportunity.

THANK YOU TO JEROME JAHNKE AND STAFF FOR THEIR GOOD WORK FOR OUR FAIR

Ghimire reported that we often forget to look behind the scenes regarding what goes into putting on a great fair. He would like to recommend the Committee present Jahnke and his staff with a certificate as a token of appreciation for all of their hard work they do before, during and after the fair. ***Motion/second (Schweder/Guden)*** to give a thank you to Jahnke and his staff. Motion carried. Ghimire will work with Schweder on the wording of the certificate.

2015 FAIR BUDGET – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Motion/second (Richter/Stoddard) to send the budget on to Finance. Motion carried.

UW-EXTENSION EDUCATOR REPORT

Nav Ghimire, Agriculture Agent, gave a presentation on the “2011-2014 Ag Programs Aggregated Impact.”

Q&A OF EDUCATORS’ SUBMITTED MONTHLY REPORT

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

FAMILY LIVING EDUCATOR POSITION – UPDATE

Ghimire reported Katie Gellings has accepted the position. She was invited to the fair and met several people, and she will begin work at Green Lake County UW-Extension on Monday, August 18.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Guden/Stoddard). Approved.

2015 UW-EXTENSION BUDGET – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

- The Committee questioned the salary portion. There is a compensation for Department Head and de Montmollin’s salary.
- The Master Gardener line item was questioned why it was a part of UW-Extension if there is no Master Gardener program. Ghimire will discuss this with County Clerk, Marge Bostelmann.
- The Volunteer Background Checks was previously paid for from the 4-H Leader’s Association.
- The Travel expense line was questioned.

Motion/second (Guden/Stoddard) to send to Finance. Motion carried.

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

Schweder questioned if this report section should remain on the UW-Extension agenda.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Richter) to eliminate the three assigned committees, but keep just the Committee Discussion. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS

Motion/second (Guden/Richter) to approve vouchers for Ag/Extension Education as presented totaling \$2,728.47 and the Fair totaling \$11,444.82. Motion carried.

Future Agenda: Rich Swanke, Jerome Jahnke and staff recognition, introduction of Katie Gellings.

Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2014 in the Training Room at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Richter) to adjourn at 4:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ninneman
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