



GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

AUGUST 13, 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, August 13, 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, Mike Starshak.

EDUCATORS/STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT

Nav Ghimire and John de Montmollin (Educators), Morgan Fox, Kathy Ninneman and Kim Zills (staff); David Berard, Associate Program Director for CONRAD (Community of Natural Resources & Economic Development) and Patrick Nehring, Waushara County Community Resource Development Agent; Amanda Miller, WNEAP of Fond du Lac County; Jack Meyers, County Board Chairman; Rich Swanke, Pullers Inc.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Stoddard/Reabe) to approve the July 9, 2013 Minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

Clairellyn Sommersmith, Princeton Public Library.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. Welcome to the new Princeton Public Librarian, Clairellyn Sommersmith. Things are winding down for the summer and gearing up for the fall programs.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND/OR COMMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A resignation letter was read from Jeff Friday, Swine Superintendent at the fair; a thank you letter from Jack Meyers, County Board Chairman to Ghimire regarding the successful fair and a wonderful job by his team; Adam Wiegel, reserve grand champion thank you for his chicken; Ozseeker – thank you for the opportunity to entertain youth at the fair.

CNRED POSITION – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Dave Berard, spoke about the top priorities for this position and its programming. He suggested if the Committee wanted to move forward on this position, a Visioning Session could be held to determine what the needs are for Green Lake County. Nehring spoke about the programs and structure that he has been working on and also the Tri-County Leadership program that was partnered with Green Lake County. What is the CONRAD approach to the local programming? The Committee would like to highlight areas from the Visioning Session on the needs of the county. Zills spoke highly of the Tri-County Leadership program that she attended in 2003 and would like to see that back. Tentatively a Visioning Session has been scheduled for Friday, September 27, noon-3:00 p.m.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2013 Fair

2013 FAIR REPORTS/UPDATES – DISCUSSION

Zills handed out a report to all of the Committee members.

2013 FAIR COMMENTS/CONCERNS – DISCUSSION

Meyers would like the County Supervisors to be introduced during the Awards Ceremony as Supervisors. He would also like to see the names better pronounced by the awards speaker. Horse Pulling and Auction, both animal lovers – how can they be scheduled at different times, so they can attend both events. Reabe suggested having a picture of all of the Supervisors/District and map of the county to show their prospective District. Ghimire appreciates all of the comments and will definitely work hard next year to take them into consideration.

2013 DEMOLITION DERBY – DISCUSSION

Moderow had a comment from someone that there were no concessions and Zills replied the Kiwanis does the food stand, and it is on the north side. Swanke had a parking suggestion to transfer people in and out by using a coach bus, because of the distance some people walk. Swanke would like to work on another project for next year - Mini Rods and Tractor Pull, and possibly have the event on Friday night and split it with the Truck Pull.

2014 FAIR CONTRACTS – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Zills has already two contracts for 2014: A&P Carnival July 31-August 3, 2014; Uncle Ozzie for Sunday afternoon, \$550. **Motion/second (Toney/Stoddard)** to approve the contracts. Approved. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0.



UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

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

1. Q&A of Educators' Submitted Monthly Reports

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Nothing to approve.

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR, JOHN DE MONTMOLLIN – REQUEST FOR TIME BY STATE 4-H PROGRAM DIRECTOR, DALE LEIDHEISER – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

De Montmollin thanked the Committee for their flexibility of his start date and also a thank you to his mother-in-law for letting them stay with her for two weeks during their moving transition.

- Ghimire introduced Amanda Miller from Fond du Lac County WNEP Nutrition Education Program for multiple counties.

De Montmollin has resigned his liason position in Kenosha County, but has three counties that have personnel issues which need to get resolved as soon as possible, without hampering any work in Green Lake County. His plan is to train the new person during this transition. Any food and mileage will all be paid from the UWEX in Madison. **Motion/second (Reabe/Moderow)** to approve de Montmollin's liason assignments. Approved. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported Modern Pole got the bid to fix the roof on the swine/sheep barn and will start in September.
- b. Personnel Committee – Approved filling a Maintenance Repairperson position and a Clinical Therapist position in Human Services because the former employees resigned. A change in Personnel Policies to allow UWEX employees to accumulate up to 40 hours of compensatory time during the week of the fair was approved.

- c. Finance Committee – Reabe reported they will start the budgeting process and the 2013 is all inline. Taxes have not all been collected as of July 31. Boat launching fees are doing well. Sales tax was the biggest for this past month.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

Motion/second (Moderow/Stoddard) to approve vouchers for Ag/Extension Education and the Fair totaling \$20,656.30. Motion carried.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER INTERN

Schweder thanked Morgan Fox, our summer intern, for everything that she did for our office. Zills also thanked her for her expertise and professionalism for handling all of the livestock shows at the fair.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Nothing.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Toney) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Ninneman
Account Clerk