



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairman, Joanne Guden, at 8:00 a.m., on Tuesday, May 10, 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, Chairman
Patti Garro
Katie Mehn
David Richter
Bob Schweder

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

Absent: Jay Dampier
Amanda Miller

Others Present: Linda DeNell, Caestecker Library, Green Lake; Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman; Maureen Schweder, past-Chairman/Ag-Extension Committee; Tammi & Dean Shaffer, 4-H family; Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspapers.

AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Guden welcomed the new members of the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee: Katie Mehn and Bob Schweder.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Richter/Garro) to approve the April 12, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES – None.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MAUREEN SCHWEDER

Ghimire presented Schweder a certificate of appreciation from UW-Extension.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Submitted monthly reports on file.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dampier was not in attendance,

TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL UPDATE

Swanke has been in contact with Zills. She is just waiting for the alcohol contract.

ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS

All contracts are signed and accounted for, except one - Sizzlin' Sonny's Rockin' Road Show.

FAIR UPDATES

- Fair material will be available for next meeting.
- Fair books will be available in June, but will be available online earlier.
- AgEducation is moving along with lots of great volunteers. \$500 was received from Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative through the CIP and will possibly be used for a tent.
- Zills was awarded a \$995 grant from Alliant Energy which is specifically for the Hillbilly Silly Science Show.

INTRODUCTION OF UW-EXTENSION STAFF

Everyone introduced themselves along with a brief background/job description.

EDUCATOR REPORT

de Montmollin, 4-H Youth Development Educator, welcomed 12 year old Dean Shaffer. Dean is a 4-H club member of the Seneca 4-H Club and was a recent Space Camp delegate from Green Lake County. He presented a PowerPoint to the Committee about his experience while attending Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama from April 21-25.

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 and Gellings gave brief verbal reports of their present programming.

nEXT GENERATION OF UW-EXTENSION

The Committee is to keep this topic on the agenda every month. Guden has not heard any new updates. de Montmollin did nominate Guden to be a member of a Work Group.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Richter/Garro). Approved.

EXTENSION COMMITTEE AND COUNTY BOARD CHAIR VISIT TO THE TRI-COUNTY PRODUCE AUCTION

Ghimire asked the Committee if they would like to go visit the Tri-County Produce Auction in August and he would send a letter to their board.

Motion/second (Garro/Richter) for Ghimire to send a letter to the Tri-County Produce Auction Board.

AGENCY-FARMER INTERFACE COALITION GRANT

Ghimire reported that he has received an Innovative grant of \$6,600 for continuous programming with the Agency-Farmer Interface Coalition.

UW-EX BEGINS TO OFFER 'WATER TESTING PROGRAM' TO COUNTY RESIDENTS

Ghimire researched the testing of all types of water. There are several different tests that can be done. Most importantly was the concern that people do want their water tested and we are to serve them. Proper marketing to the public was also discussed and its importance. Ghimire is to continue his research and bring back to the Committee next month.

2016 WISCONSIN ASSOCIATED COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEES CONFERENCE

Ghimire extended an invitation to the Committee. If anyone is interested, please contact Ghimire or Ninneman before the May 20 deadline.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Ghimire gave the Committee copies of several counties within the state that have passed Resolutions Opposing the UW-Extension Reorganization Plan. This will be discussed further at next month's meeting, after the Committee has had some time to look them over.

MOTION TO DISMISS GARRO AT 11:09 A.M.

Motion/second (Richter/Schweder) to dismiss Garro.

VOUCHERS

Motion/second (Richter/Schweder) to approve the vouchers for Ag/Extension Education and Fair as presented totaling \$4,234.15. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Ghimire.
- Next regular meeting date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 in the Training Room at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Mehn/Schweder) to adjourn at 11:13 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Program Specialist*