



GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION  
& FAIR COMMITTEE

**September 9, 2008**

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson McConnell at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

S. McConnell, M. Stoddard, T. Traxler, and M. Schweder

**EDUCATORS/STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT**

C. Hargrave, D. Priske (guest), D. Slark, and K. Zills

**LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT**

C. Carroll and L. Hazlewood

**AGENDA**

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler) to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.*

**MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Traxler/Schweder) to approve the August 12, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.*

**LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

Written report on file. Hazlewood commented that libraries have wrapped up Summer Reading Programs and are preparing for the school year schedule. Libraries were also finalizing budget preparations. Berlin reported that they were implementing programs for teens to promote the importance of reading.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Zills read a thank you note from FEMA for the space provided at the Fair and for supporting their Mitigation Community Education and Outreach Program as they provided assistance and guidance to those impacted by the recent flooding.

Zills also read a thank you from Mercedes Schulz for sponsoring ribbons and all the hard work that is done making the Fair possible, along with a thank you from Ernest Pulvermacher representing the All-Terrain Riders ATV Club. This thank you stated that the Club reported a great event and thanked the Fair for their help and support.

## EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the educators.

**Kauffeld:** Not present due to family emergency. Kauffeld's work on grants for Parks Committee was discussed.

**Hargrave:** Hargrave reported the growing season is two weeks behind schedule. It is necessary for weather to cooperate over the next several weeks. The cost of fertilizer was discussed as the cost has doubled over last year. Nitrogen could be purchased at 10 cents per unit – compared to \$1.00 per unit currently. This is a very big concern to local growers. The greater need for fertilizer is the reason for this increase as more developing countries are in need of fertilizers. Meetings will be held during the winter to address these concerns. Overall corn crop was reported variable throughout the County. Yield will be below average due to flooding earlier in the season. Total failed acres have been reported to be approximately 12%.

**Spaulding:** Not present due to maternity leave. Discussion regarding Our Day was held. Zills reported that she will be helping out at this program. It was stated that classes have been filled for several weeks now with 200 attending. Registration began mid-July.

**Slark:** Slark discussed his upcoming Leaders' Retreat being held at Camp Grow. He invited Committee members that were interested to attend. A Generations training will be a highlight of this Retreat. Discussion ensued regarding the wrap-up of the 4-H year that includes awards, Record Books, etc. Slark stated that this Fall he will once again be making Club visits. Slark reported that the Marketing Video is in progress. This production involves youth putting together. This will be used throughout the state for marketing purposes.

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler)* to approve out of county days for the educators: Hargrave (0), Slark (3), Kauffeld (2), and Spaulding (0). Motion carried.

## GREEN LAKE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS CONTRACTS

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler)* to sign the Contract between Green Lake County and Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System. Motion carried.

## **NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING – DATE CHANGE**

Due to the Veteran's Day Holiday on November 11, 2008, the Committee will reschedule their November meeting for Wednesday, November 12.

## **BREAK**

**9:20 a.m. - Meeting reconvened at 9:29 a.m.**



## **Fair Committee Discussion – 2008 Fair**

### **TRACK EVENTS – UPDATE/REPORT**

Reports on all track events were given. A Horse Pull event was discussed, along with Motor Cross, Lawn Mower Races, and Pig Races as a possibility of future events.

### **FOOD STAND/FUNDRAISING PROFITS - UPDATE**

Revenue is continuing to be received. At present, Zills reported an increase over last year at this date. Other ways to increase revenue were discussed.

### **MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT**

The Maintenance Staff Report was presented to the Committee for any questions they may have.

### **YOUTH EXHIBIT COMMITTEE REPORT – DEAN SLARK**

This Committee (made up of volunteers) met after the Fair. Exhibitor parking was a major discussion. Several suggestions were made to enforce no parking in specific areas.

### **DISTRICT FAIR MEETING**

The Fall District Fair Meeting will be held in Oshkosh on Wednesday, October 8. Zills invited Committee members to attend also.

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler) to approve per diem payment for any Committee member attending the District Fair Meeting. Motion carried.*

## **WAF STATE CONVENTION ATTENDANCE – JANUARY 12-14, 2009**

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler)* to approve per diem payment for any Committee member attending the State Convention. Motion carried.

## **2009 CONTRACTS – APPROVAL**

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder)* to approve 2009 Fair Contracts of Uncle Ozzie and Dizzy D. Clown. Motion carried.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported on the building plan. Discussion ensued regarding needs versus expense.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that Kathy Munsey and Molly Spaulding of the Tobacco Coalition attended the Personnel Committee and a resolution will be presented to the County Board for a smoke-free environment on all County grounds with a few exceptions listed in the resolution. The Workplace Violence Resolution has an amendment that will also be presented to the County Board. Work continues on a County Disaster plan with Department Heads.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that a special budget meeting will be held on 9/18 for Finance to put final touches on the County budget. The County Library budget was also discussed.

## **VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR**

*Motion/second (Traxler/Stoddard)* to sign vouchers. Motion carried.

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler)* to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Zills  
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