



Arrived GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION
& FAIR COMMITTEE

January 11, 2011

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, January 11, 2011, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

EDUCATORS/STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT

N. Ghimire (arrived at 9:30 a.m.), J. Kauffeld, D. Slark, and M. Spaulding
Daniel Priske, County Board Chairman, Yolanda Woloszyn, Merlyn Soda, Richard Swanke

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTIVE(S) PRESENT

D. Disterhaft

AGENDA

Motion/second (Traxler/Schweder) to approve the Agenda with addition to approve January 3, 2011, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to approve the December 14, 2010, minutes. Motion carried.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Whirry) to approve the January 3, 2011, minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. Disterhaft reported that tax forms will be available at the libraries shortly, but there is a delay due to changes from the Federal Government. Berlin Library has invested in several new "play aways," which are audio books available on small devices for use by library patrons.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

Richard Swanke presented information on the Louisville, Kentucky, trip to the National Farm Machinery Show and Champion Tractor Pull that is planned for February 2011. They have purchased 50 tickets, which are available for purchase. Contact Richard at 920-299-6028 for more information.

Yolanda Woloszyn and Merlyn Soda, on behalf of Green Lake Farm Bureau, asked for the committee's opinion on opening the Farm Bureau building throughout the year for additional fundraising opportunities. She also requested a change to the 10% gross revenue that is required of Green Lake County Fair vendors. Chairman McConnell reported that the committee will not support a change to the 10% gross revenue policy implemented by the fair. McConnell did indicate that the committee would need Farm Bureau to present their plans for using the building, and then the committee would take responsibility for clearing out the fair inventory stored in the Farm Bureau building. The committee requests that Farm Bureau provide a minimum of 60-day notice for the initial building use. Subsequent requests could be made with 30-day notice. UW-Extension office will request contract related to Farm Bureau building and Kiwanis stand on county property from County Clerk Margaret Bostelmann and will include it in February committee packet. Contracts will also be sent to Farm Bureau and Kiwanis for their review.

Jim Hebbe came to the committee to discuss Farm Bureau's use of the building on the fairgrounds. Hebbe shared that the contract between the Farm Bureau and the county states that the county is allowed to use the building for storage. Jim Hebbe spoke with Farm Bureau President David Wilke, who indicated that the bureau does not have an interest in additional fundraising opportunities.

Swanke requested that the 10% gross revenue be waived for his track event. McConnell explained that the CIP fund moneys are used to make improvements to the fair buildings, grounds, and additional fair purchases.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2011 Fair

2010 10% REVENUE UPDATE – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Slark reported to the Committee that the final 10% revenue payment for the 2010 Truck/Tractor Pull has been received.

GRAVEL UPDATE - DISCUSSION

The Committee was informed that the gravel request was approved by the P & I Committee. Highway Commissioner Robert Podgorski has been informed and will proceed as planned in spring 2011.

2010 INVENTORY – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The Green Lake County Fair 2010 Inventory was presented for Committee approval.

STAFF/VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Per the request of Green Lake County Board Chairman Daniel Priske, Zills prepared a report that included staff and volunteer hours for the 2010 Fair. A copy has been forwarded to the Committee.

Committee is committed to soliciting volunteers to staff the gates during the 2011 Green Lake County Fair to record attendance, including tracking men, women, and children. McConnell will spearhead this effort.

2010 CARRYOVER REQUEST – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

To be carried over to the February agenda.

Committee requested a further review of coffee cart purchase, including having conversations with Maintenance Supervisor Scott Weir, Amish builders, and local woodworkers. An update will be provided to committee at the February meeting.

BREAK

Committee took a break at 9:55 a.m. Reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

1. Spaulding: Written monthly report on file. Spaulding presented a brief educational lesson on credit.

2. Q & A of Educators' Submitted Monthly Reports

Kauffeld: Written report on file. Kauffeld is hosting a 6-part series that focuses on Financing for Non-Profits that will be available to local non-profit organizations, beginning January 20, 2011.

Slark: Written report on file.

Ghimire: Written report on file. Ghimire shared an invitation for an educational program on selecting corn and forage varieties, which will be presented by two UW-Extension specialists in Green Lake County on February 2, 2011.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Whirry) to approve out of county days for the educators: Ghimire (1.5), Slark (3.0), Kauffeld (1.5), and Spaulding (3.0). Motion carried.

4-H SURVEY RESULTS – DISCUSSION

Slark presented the final survey results to committee members in December. McConnell would like to move this to the February 2011 meeting agenda for future discussion and requests that this is put on first part of the agenda.

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VOLUNTEER HELP - DISCUSSION

Slark informed the Committee of volunteer help the office has received over the last few months. Diana Amend, last summer's UWEX intern, volunteered to help out a few mornings before the holidays. Also, Belinda Fox was thanked for her assistance in entering 4-H enrollments in the 4-H software program.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the committee reviewed the check list of what has yet to be done on the building project. The requests from the judge to modify the existing courtrooms and judge's chambers will be postponed until after the entire building project is completed to determine if funds are available.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that the committee reviewed personnel evaluations.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell was not present at the December Finance Committee meeting. Priske reported that the committee is concerned because utilities at the new building are higher than anticipated.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Whirry) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at
11:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean Slark, Department Head
4-H Youth Development Educator