

**Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education & Fair Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 14, 2007**

The meeting of the Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Hollander at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

**Committee Members Present:** M. Hollander, W. Williams, M. Stoddard, V. Ammentorp and S. McConnell.

**Educators/Staff Present:** J. Hoffman, C. Hargrave, M. Spaulding, D. Slark, K. Zills, A. and A. Leppin.

**Library Services Represented by:** M. Amend, D. Disterhaft, L. Denell, V. Duhr, L. Hazlewood, and D. Carroll.

**M/S(Stoddard/Ammentorp)** to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

**M/S(Ammentorp/Williams)** to approve the July 10 and August 5, 2007 minutes. Motion carried.

**Library Services Report:**

Carroll reported that the Summer Reading Programs are over; Hazlewood reported that the Carnival reading program held in Markesan was a success, and the road in front of the Kingston Library should be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The library cross-county billing was discussed. The \$31,000 revenue paid to the municipalities may be used to offset the library's budgets, but it was noted that each of the Green Lake Libraries have different funding situations with their municipalities. Discussion held. **M/S(Stoddard/Ammentorp)** to send the 2008 Library Funding Request on to the Finance Committee. Motion Carried. Zills thanked the libraries for their assistance at Story Time at the Fair.

**Public Appearances/Comments:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Educator Reports:** Written reports are on file.

**Spaulding:** Reported that the Health Care Providers meeting will be held at Berlin and Markesan in October. The WNEP program at the Berlin Job Center this fall will use simulation techniques of food preparation, not real food.

**Slark:** Presented a hands-on program with the committee and staff on Youth Leadership using the 4-H Officer Training materials. The activity's primary objectives were to communicate ideas and information, increase knowledge, and develop teamwork skills and gain strategies of working with others. He reported that the Burning Down the Fox in Princeton will be on Aug. 24-25, and that the Crane Count is held in April. Slark stated that the Green Lake Fair was very well organized, and ran well. He said there was less stress, less questions from parents, nicer exhibits and the barns were very tidy, a compliment to

Kim, our youth and leaders. A suggestion was made to ask the Livestock Committee to purchase a "pooper scooper" to clean up the animal waste outside the barns.

**Hoffman:** Will do the program presentation next month for committee and staff. Hoffman explained that the Wisconsin Way is a collaborative effort between WEAC, WCA and the WI State Realtors to study Wisconsin's poor fiscal condition. They are planning twelve forums, hoping to have between 300-500 people. M. Bostelmann attended an informational meeting with Hoffman on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Hoffman instructed the committee to let him know if they are interested in attending these two hour discussion sessions once they get under way. Interviews for the Account Clerk II position will be held on August 29<sup>th</sup>. A minimum of three candidates will interview, and there may be as many as five, which has been left to Hoffman's discretion and preference.

**Hargrave:** Reported that Focus on the Farm went well. On September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Central WI Ag Specialization Team will be meeting in Hancock, and the committee is invited to attend. Next week on August 22, she is hosting Corn/Silage Moisture Testing Day at the Markesan Co-op from 10 a.m. until noon.

**M/S(Stoddard/McConnell)** to approve out of county days for the educators: Hoffman: 4; Hargrave: 3.5; Slark:1 and Spaulding: none. Motion carried.

**UWEX 2008 Budget Request to IT Department:** Budget Request of IT Department is on file for 2008 UWEX budget request.

**UWEX 2008 Budget Request to Maintenance Department:** Budget Request of Maintenance Department is on file for UWEX budget. UWEX window signage was discussed.

**2008 UWEX & Fair Budget Discussion:** Hoffman reviewed the proposed changes for the 2008 budget: increase the travel account by \$1,500, reduce offsetting revenue by \$500 and allowing for salary increases. These changes will increase the tax levy by \$2,000. The Fair budget request has 0% levy increase. **M/S(Stoddard/McConnell)** to send the UWEX and Fair Budgets on to Finance Committee. Motion carried.

**Resolution Requesting Repeal of WI Act 420:** Committee discussed the Waushara County resolution requesting repeal of WI Act 420. No action taken.

**Extension Employee Contracts:** The committee signed the UWEX employee contracts.

**District WACEC Planning Meeting – Report and Reimbursement:** Hollander reported on the District 4 WACEC Planning Meeting she attended on July 26<sup>th</sup> in Montello. She stated that the District 4 Meeting will be held June 16-18, 2008. The theme is: "Extension – Gateway to the Future." The next district planning meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup>. Hollander requested input from the committee before Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> if they want to see any changes from the Plover meeting last year. **M/S(Stoddard/Ammentorp)** to pay Hollander per diem and mileage for attending the WACEC Planning Meeting in Montello on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**Break: 10:00 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:06 a.m.**

**Fair Committee Discussion – 2007 Fair:**

**A & P Enterprises Report:** Zills stated that the carnival revenue was down this year: \$5,716.07 compared to \$6,545.40 in 2006. She is awaiting some of the 10% food vendor revenue.

**Fair Comments and Concerns:** Zills and Spaulding told the committee that having the summer intern (Stuewer's) assistance with the fair this year was a tremendous benefit and help. Zills will type up the suggestion list of Fair Improvements for the committee and will have it ready for next month's meeting. Williams stated that he would like to see larger signage at the gate entrances next year. Hoffman reported that he is proposing changing the way people getting pit passes without paying a grandstand fee. The bleachers were easy to install and were there if needed. Discussion on the ATV/Truck Tractor Pull will be added to a future agenda.

**Food Stand/Fundraising Profits:** Zills is continuing to tabulate this report.

**Volunteer Schedule – Review:** Zills reported there were no problems with the fair office schedule. The volunteers did a great job and were an enormous help.

**Committee Discussion:**

**Property & Insurance Committee:** Stoddard shared why he voted "NO" on the one -year contract for the Maintenance Supervisor Position.

**Personnel Committee:** Hollander reported that the committee is working on space needs, union issues and vacancies.

**Finance Committee:** Ammentorp reported that their committee is busy working on budgets and keeping them to a zero increase.

**Agriculture/Extension Education and Fair Vouchers:** M/S(McConnell/Stoddard) to sign vouchers. Motion carried.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, September 11, 8:30 p.m., Courthouse Demo Room

The committee recognized Arlene Leppin and wished her well in her retirement.

**M/S(McConnell/Stoddard)** to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Leppin  
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