



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION
& FAIR COMMITTEE

September 11, 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, September 11, 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, and K. Zills.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTIVE(S) PRESENT

L. DeNell

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Williams/McConnell) to approve the August 14 and *Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams)* to approve the September 5, 2007 minutes. Motions carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

DeNell reported on Project Play for library trustees and employees. Project Play is a technology-based learning program. This program is similar to an online course. September is Library card sign-up month. Each library will be doing something on their own to promote this. The Finance Committee met on 9/10 and approved the County Library budget. This amount would include what libraries have to pay other counties for non-county patrons. The Library and their municipality will determine how payments/receipts will be applied. Discussion ensued regarding how this new law affects libraries, cities, townships, etc. in Green Lake County.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Fair Thank You cards were read from the following: Princeton All-Terrain Club, Amanda Parks, Kelcey Symons, and Alyssa Berndt. A Thank You card was read from Arlene Leppin addressed to the Committee.

The Seven-County Agricultural Specialization Team invites the Committee to a meeting planned on 9/25. This meeting will be held in order to share ongoing work by Agricultural Educators and to gain the input/feedback of Committee members. A barbeque will be held at 5:30 p.m. prior to the meeting. Hollander, McConnell and Hoffman plan on attending. The UWEX budget will cover all expenses.

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file.

Spaulding: An Input Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, September 26 was discussed. Issues to be addressed in Green Lake County by the Family Living Educator will be discussed. Spaulding will be attending a Family Living National Conference in Minnesota next week. Spaulding and Tidemann will be attending a statewide Hunger Summit in Stevens Point on October 4. Spaulding stated this will help in her work with the Food Providers Group. It was announced that the Berlin School District was awarded an alcohol and drug prevention grant. With a portion of this grant they will be hosting a Strengthening Families Workshop that will be taught by Spaulding.

Slark: Awards banquets are coming up. More specifics will follow. Committee members were advised to watch their mail for postcards announcing these events. 4-H Ambassadors are planning on working in the schools to promote 4-H and gain leadership skills.

Hoffman: It was reported the TCLI class will hold its first session on Thursday (9/13). Hoffman reported that 18 participants have signed up. The Silver Creek meeting facilitated by Hoffman was reported to be productive. This group is currently working on controlling weeds/invasive species.

Hoffman presented a lesson on Wisconsin's Open Meeting Law. He referred to an incident in Wautoma in 2004 where the Board of Education was found to be in violation of the Open Meeting Law by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Based on the outcome of this violation a new law was implemented this past summer stating the contents of Agendas. Agenda items can be general, but must include some specificity. They must provide proper balance between government and the public. Three factors should come into play when looking at agendas. Agenda items should be reasonable for that particular circumstance. Second, the interest of citizens must be kept in mind as to whether an item is routine or novel. And last, it was stated that notices shouldn't be too specific as to limiting the Committees further discussing an Agenda item. Hoffman then handed out past Agendas for the committee and staff to determine if the Agenda was specific/not specific enough. Discussion followed as to the findings of each group's Agenda.

McConnell asked to leave the meeting at 9:32 a.m. to attend other business.

Hargrave: Hargrave gave a brief report on corn silage. No further questions were asked.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve out of county days for the educators: Hoffman (2);, Hargrave (3.5);, Slark (2); , and Spaulding (6.5). Motion carried.

WNEP REPORT

Spaulding reported that the WNEP coordinators from Fond du Lac County will be attending an upcoming Committee Meeting to meet the Committee and provide a lesson.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS' CONTRACTS

Amendments to the UWEX employee contracts were made for the Committee to resign.

ACCOUNT CLERK II HIRING UPDATE

Hoffman reported that Allison Kavanaugh accepted the Account Clerk II position in the UW-Extension office. She will begin her employment by September 25.

CARLA HARGRAVE'S POSITION APPROVAL FROM ACADEMIC STAFF TO FACULTY-DISCUSSION

A letter was read regarding the completion of all requirements for Hargrave's Master's Degree status.

Motion/second (Ammentorp/Stoddard) to approve Hargrave's status from academic staff to faculty. Motion carried.

BREAK

9:56 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:07 a.m.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2007 Fair

TRACK EVENTS – UPDATE/REPORT

No report available.

FOOD STAND/FUNDRAISING PROFITS

No report available.

MAINTENANCE REPORT/INVOICES

Maintenance reports/invoices were presented to the Committee for approval.

Motion/second (Ammentorp/Williams) to approve submitted maintenance invoices. Motion carried.

YOUTH EXHIBIT COMMITTEE REPORT – DEAN SLARK

Slark reported that the Youth Exhibit Committee met on Thursday, August 30. Minor corrections to Fairbook were made. It was decided by the Committee to allow small animals to be brought during judging only instead of the entire Fair requirement. Exhibitor appropriate clothing guidelines were also discussed.

DISTRICT FAIR MEETING – FOND DU LAC COUNTY, OCTOBER 10, 2007

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve Hollander's attendance and per diem payment at the District Fair Meeting in Fond du Lac on October 10, 2007. Motion carried.

CEMENT BLOCKS – PURCHASE REQUEST

Hoffman requested the purchase of approximately 100 cement blocks at a cost up to \$1,000.00

Motion/second (Stoddard/Ammentorp) to approve the purchase. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS – 2008

- a. Uncle Ozzie
- b. Dizzy D. Clown

Motion/second (Ammentorp/Stoddard) to approve the signing of contracts listed above for the 2008 Green Lake County Fair. Motion carried.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the Courthouse generator will need to be re-wired. This job will be submitted for bids.
- b. Personnel Committee – Hollander reported that the previously discussed attendance policy is on hold and a bike rack request was reviewed. All Union Contracts are now signed.
- c. Finance Committee – Ammentorp reported budget is tight. Budgets presented at last Finance Committee meeting were IT Department, County Libraries and Sheriff's Departments.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 8:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Zills
Program Specialist