



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION
& FAIR COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

The meeting of the Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson McConnell at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 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 W. Williams

EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT

J. Kauffeld, A. Kavanaugh, D. Slark, M. Spaulding and K. Zills

GUESTS PRESENT

Richard Swanke

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

None

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Schweder/Traxler) to approve the August 11, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None



Fair Committee Discussion – 2009 Fair

POULTRY BARN VENTILATION

Richard Swanke stated that he would like to get ventilation installed in the Poultry Barn, and was hoping to obtain donated funds to do so. Swanke was directed to speak with the Land Conservation Office, as they own the building.

FAIR PARKING

Swanke stated that he felt it would be beneficial to the fair if parking was permitted on city side streets during the fair. Zills will contact a city representative to find out what the reasoning is as to why parking is not currently allowed.

COMMERCIAL SPACE VENDOR PROPOSAL/ALCOHOL SALES

Swanke stated that he would like to oversee having a beer tent during the Thursday truck and tractor pull at the 2010 fair. He stated that he felt it would be a draw for the event, as well as a revenue source for the fair. Beer would be available only during the event, and anyone carrying alcohol would not be allowed to leave the enclosed track area. Discussion followed. The committee agreed that if approved, 2010 would be a "test" year for alcohol sales and alcohol would be permitted only in a fenced in area where it was sold, as opposed to the entire track area. Swanke would work closely with the committee on details for the sales. Several committee members felt that it would be valuable to have a month to consider the issue. Traxler stated that he would speak with a Winnebago County Fair representative to gain some details about potentially having a beer stand.

Motion/second (Traxler/McConnell) to table the beer stand issue until the October 13, 2009 Ag/Extension Education/Fair Committee meeting, at which time a vote will be taken on whether or not to approve alcohol sales at the 2010 truck and tractor pull. A role call vote was taken:

McConnell: aye; Schweder: no; Stoddard: aye; Williams: aye; Traxler: aye. Motion carried.

2010 TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL CONTRACT

Swanke requested that he be granted contract approval to oversee a truck and tractor pull on Thursday night at the 2010 fair.

Motion/second (Traxler/Williams) to approve the 2010 truck and tractor pull contract with Richard Swanke. Motion carried.

2010 ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACT

Motion/second (McConnell/Williams) to approve the 2010 contract as presented for Uncle Ozzy's musical entertainment. Motion carried.

DISTRICT FAIR MEETINGS

Zills reported that this year's District Fair Meetings would be held on October 7 & 8, and October 14 & 15. Zills will not be attending due to distance. Committee members should contact the UW-Extension Office if they wish to attend.

WAF STATE CONVENTION

The WAF (Wisconsin Association of Fairs) State Convention will be held January 11-13, 2010. Zills asked for approval to stay overnight for one night, and for State Fairest of the Fair competition banquet tickets for Mike and Belinda Fox, parents of Green Lake's County's Fairest of the Fair, who will be participating in the event.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to approve payment of overnight lodging for Zills, and banquet tickets for Mike and Belinda Fox. Motion carried.

BREAK

9:32 a.m. – Meeting reconvened at 9:41 a.m.

UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the Educators.

Spaulding: Spaulding reported that she and the other members of the Wellness Coalition had an orientation for the statewide leadership course they were selected for. The session went very well and three in person trainings will follow. Spaulding is on the planning committee for the Healthy Families and Communities Team, which is hosting a conference at the end of September. She will be presenting a breakout session there. Spaulding continues to work with her Caregiving Support group, and taught at Family Camp last month.

Kauffeld: Kauffeld organized and taught at the last ICC meeting, hosted by Green Lake County. Topics were energy related. Kauffeld will be attending the next ICC meeting, where next year's monthly topics will be decided. The Sustainability Team is approaching its one year anniversary. Kauffeld spoke at the Green Lake Kiwanis meeting last month. Planning for TCLI continues. Kauffeld asked for help recruiting participants. Kauffeld continues to work with grant writers and promoting Green Lake County.

Hargrave: Hargrave was not present, due to maternity leave.

Slark: Slark is coordinating 4-H record book judging, and 2010 4-H enrollment. Upcoming events include a 4-H Ambassador sponsored kickball tournament, 4-H leader training, and the adult volunteer banquet and youth awards banquet. The horse project leaders are holding a planning meeting in September for the upcoming year, with Slark's assistance. Slark is looking into programming related to outdoor project areas such as fishing and shooting sports. Traxler noted that he was able to obtain a gun free of charge to use as a raffle to fund outdoor project areas. Slark will be attending a tenure workshop, as he begins his portfolio work.

Motion/second to approve Traxler obtaining a gun to use for a raffle, after which proceeds would be used to fund outdoor 4-H project areas. Motion carried. Kauffeld will assist with the raffle, as fair workload would make it difficult for Zills to facilitate the raffle during summer and fall months.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve out of county days for the educators: Slark (4), Kauffeld (3.5), and Spaulding (6). Motion carried.

WACEC SURVEY

Slark informed the committee that a brief survey/questionnaire (copy on file) had been provided by the Central District for committee members to fill out. A copy was given to committee members. Answers will be taken verbally at the next meeting, after which a master copy with all answers will be forwarded to the Central District.

CENTRAL WI AGRICULTURE SPECIALIZATION MEETING

The 2009 Central Wisconsin Agriculture Specialization Meeting will take place in Hancock on September 24. Any committee members interested in attending should contact the UWEX office by September 18.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL APPROVAL FOR M. SPAULDING

Schweder left the meeting at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Spaulding requested approval for out of state travel so that she may attend and present at the eXtension National Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, to be held from October 19-23, 2009. Spaulding obtained a district grant to cover the bulk of the associated costs. The only costs anticipated for Green Lake County are travel to and from Milwaukee.

Motion/second (McConnell/Stoddard) to approve out of state travel for Molly Spaulding in order to attend and present at the 2009 eXtension National Conference, and forward the request to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that several change orders for the building project were submitted, and did not raise costs.
- b. Personnel Committee – No report

- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that the committee will be meeting twice in September and will continue work on the 2010 budget.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
Account Clerk