



GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

AUGUST 9, 2011

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson McConnell at 8:35 a.m., on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

S. McConnell, M. Stoddard, T. Traxler and M. Whirry. M. Schweder (excused).

EDUCATORS/STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT

N. Ghimire, B. Johnson, J. Kauffeld, D. Slark and K. Zills (staff). D. Priske, R. Swanke (guests).

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

C. Carroll

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Traxler/Whirry) to approve the July 12, 2011 Minutes. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. C. Carroll reported that Summer Reading Programs at county libraries were wrapping up and fall programming is currently taking place. Carroll highlighted other library news including the Princeton building project. A discussion was also held regarding the wonderful support the Kingston Library receives from its Friends organization.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

Rich Swanke reported that the Truck and Tractor Pull attendance was comparable to last year. Beer sales took in more than \$2,000 which will be deposited in the Revenue Account. It was discussed to increase the admission price for adults to \$10.00. The Committee stated that all track events and the nights they are held will be reviewed for the 2012 Fair.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2011 Fair

CORRESPONDENCE

None

2011 FAIR REPORTS/UPDATES – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Zills reported that food vendor commissions were up and the Demo Derby gate receipts were average. The carnival receipts were up for 2011. Other highlights were shared including positive comments from fairgoers and judges. It was reported that the Livestock Auction sales increased from \$95,000 to \$114,000 this year.

2011 FAIR COMMENTS/CONCERNS – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Some concerns were expressed regarding slow food vendor lines. It will be addressed at a future Committee meeting regarding parking inside the gate. Extra space can be made available to more vendors. Admission/parking fees will also be addressed.

2011 CARCASS CONTEST EXCUSED ABSENCES – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

We received letters from the following exhibitors to be excused from the Carcass Evaluation tonight at Brandon Meats: Briann Eagen, Bryce Friday, Adam, Lucas & Stacy Graff, Jessica Hein, Leah Mace, Parker Nelson, Mercedes Schulz and Stephanie Walker. It was approved by the Committee to excuse the above exhibitors from the Carcass Evaluation. Premiums will be paid. *Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler)*. Approved.

2012 FAIR BUDGET – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Zills presented the Committee a budget for 2012 that showed a decrease of 3% totaling \$57,923. This will now be sent to the Finance Committee. *Motion/second (Stoddard/McConnell)*. Approved.

SHED REPAIR – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Zills reported that the Maintenance Shed roof was damaged during a recent storm. Jerome Jahnke (Maintenance personnel) will submit an estimate for the meeting next month.

UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

1. **Slark:** Written monthly report on file. Slark will present his educational program in September.
2. **Q & A of Educators' Submitted Monthly Reports**

Jason Kauffeld asked for approval to attend an out-of-state conference paid by UW-Extension. The County responsibilities will be mileage to and from the airport and any meals not covered by the conference. *Motion/second (McConnell/Whirry)*. Approved.

APPROVAL OF OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Stoddard/Whirry). Approved.

SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Slark reported that the office staff will be participating in the state's Civil Rights Review on the same date of the next month's Committee Meeting. The Committee agreed to not reschedule for September. *Motion/second (McConnell/Whirry)*. Approved.

2012 BUDGET APPROVAL

Slark presented a budget representing a 3% decrease for 2012. There was discussion on Travel, Ninneman to FT capacity and the Family Living Educator as FT after January 1, 2012. The committee agreed to pass on to the Finance Committee a budget that includes a permanent full-time Family Living Educator. *Motion/second (Whirry/Stoddard)*. Approved.

WELCOME NEW FAMILY LIVING INTERIM EDUCATOR

Slark welcomed Beth Johnson, new Green Lake County Family Living Interim Educator. Her term runs through the end of the 2011 year. Beth reported that she is reaching out to the community and their needs and has felt very welcomed since arriving. She will continue to meet with county individuals vital to the Family Living programs.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard asked for an explanation on the horse shed requested by the Horse Council. Slark clarified the intentions of this group.

- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder – Report next month due to her excused absence.
- c. Finance Committee – Whirry reported that County departments are continuing to turn in budgets at the 3% reduction requested. It was reported that sales tax last month was higher than normal. Interest income, however, is less at this time.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

Motion/second (Traxler/Whirry) to sign vouchers for UW-Extension. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in the UWEX Training Room at the Green Lake County Government Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Whirry) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Zills
Program Specialist