

Minutes
Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, July 11, 2012
Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds
Janesville, WI

Unapproved

- 1. Call to Order:** The July 11, 2012 meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Eva Arnold at 7:00 p.m.

Committee members Present: Supervisors Sweeney, Arnold, and Wiedenfeld.

Committee members Absent: Sanders and Bostwick.

Staff Present: Jim Stute, Gena McGuigan.

Others Present: Randy Thompson.

- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Wiedenfeld, second by Sweeney, motion carried.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of June 13, 2012 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Sweeney, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.
- 4. Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None.
- 5. 4-H Fairgrounds Tour:** Randy Thompson reported that there have been no major changes to the fairgrounds that warranted a tour.
- 6. 4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:** Randy Thompson reported that some recent blacktop repairs had been completed by the Highway Department. Thompson said that an agreement had been made where the Highway Department would store some equipment at the Fairgrounds and in lieu of storage rental a discount of \$1500 would be given to the Fairgrounds for blacktop repair, so that the final cost was approximately \$2,000 for the repairs. Thompson said some electrical upgrades were being made to the sales arena and swine barn and that the bathrooms would be put on a separate electrical panel. The work is to be done by B&M Electric. Some recent tree trimming was completed by LP Tree Service. Minor painting and repairs continue to be made.
 - A. Fair Association Report:** None.
 - B. Approval of Fairgrounds Rental Contracts:**
Wisconsin Sheep Breeders, October 27, 2012 \$290 sales arena
Motion to approve by Sweeney, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.
- 7. Approval of Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Stute reviewed the department bills and encumbrances. Motion to approve as presented by Sweeney, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.

- 8. Agricultural Service Center:** Jim Stute reported that he had met with Ron Silha regarding the possible future Agricultural Service Center. Stute shared a floor plan drawing of the proposed addition to the current Rock County Ag Service Center, which would include 3736 square feet of space for the UW-Extension. The proposed lease would be an 8-year lease at \$53,200 per year, which includes utilities, cleaning service, and parking. The consensus of the committee was that they were all on board with continuing to move forward with this possibility and that Stute should proceed to present the idea to Craig Knutson.
- 9. Department Update:** Stute shared information regarding the WACEC summer meeting to be held on August 22, 2012. Stute said that per Rock County Resolution 06-9A-087 (Semi-annual report - attendance at conventions/conferences), Rock County UW-Extension has no instances exceeding this amount for the period January 1 to June 30, 2012. Stute said that the current lease for the Rock County Farm expires on December 31, 2012, and that a revised contract needs to be to purchasing by September 1, 2012. Stute said to expect the new lease provisions to be on the August agenda and that they will need to be finalized at the August 8, 2012 meeting in order to get the lease agreement to purchasing by the September 1st deadline. Stute shared that we are continually updating our website and providing press releases with the most current information regarding the drought. Stute reported that Donna Duerst has a meeting with her oncology team on July 12, 2012 and that a decision will be made at that time regarding further surgery.
- 10. Comments from the Committee:** Sweeney requested Stute to survey the Ash trees on the Fairgrounds to help the committee make a decision on how to deal with the Emerald Ash Borer.
- 11. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Wiedenfeld, second by Sweeney, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gena McGuigan