

Minutes
Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, November 14, 2012
Rm. 250, Rock County Courthouse
Janesville, WI

Unapproved

1. **Call to Order:** The November 14, 2012 meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Bostwick at 7:00 p.m.

Committee members Present: Supervisors Bostwick, Sweeney and Wiedenfeld.

Committee members Absent: Supervisors Arnold and Sanders.

Staff Present: Jim Stute, and Gena McGuigan.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Item 5a and 5b deleted. Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Sweeney, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of October 9, 2012 were reviewed. Motion to approve as written by Wiedenfeld, second by Sweeney, motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None.
5. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:** None
6. **Approval of Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Stute reviewed the departmental bills. Motion to approve by Sweeney, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.
7. **Discussion and approval of Resolution awarding cropland lease at the Rock County Farm:** Stute reported that the County advertised for bids in the Janesville Gazette, on the county website and sent letters to 12 additional vendors. Four bids were received \$357.14/ac, \$326.51/ac, \$309/ac, and \$251/ac. The contract was awarded to Badgerland Grain. Motion to approve the resolution by Wiedenfeld, second by Sweeney, motion carried.
8. **Discussion and approval of Alliant Energy utility easement on the Rock County Farm:** Alliant Energy is seeking an easement on the Rock County Farm to construct a corner post with an anchor line. County Board Staff has approved the easement. Motion to approve by Sweeney, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.
9. **Department Updates:** Stute reported that County Board Staff approved the Goex deal and that proceeds will go to the PACE Program. The horticulture position will be posted January 1st for a 100% academic staff and hopes to have the position fill by May 1st. WNEP Mary Krisco retired November 1st. The position description has been rewritten and will be posted in the next couple of weeks. Angela Flickinger is the temporary WNEP Advisor at 40% until January 1st.

10. **Comments from the Committee:** None

11. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Sweeney, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gena McGuigan