

MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 10, 2011
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Center
Rock County Courthouse
JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Richard Bostwick at 7:01 p.m.
Committee members present: Supervisors Bostwick, Arnold, Combs, Sweeney, and Wiedenfeld.
Staff present: Jim Stute
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Arnold moved to approve the agenda as printed, second by Combs. Motion carried.
3. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None.
4. **Approval of Extension Bills and Transfers:** Stute reviewed the Extension bills. Supervisor Wiedenfeld made a motion to approve the bills as presented, second by Arnold. Motion carried.
5. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:** Stute presented the following rental contracts for committee approval:
 - a. River Hill Community Group, School Arts Fundraiser, non-profit rate:\$275
 - b. American Jersey Cattle Association, Dairyland Protein Sale (in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo, Saturday Oct. 1st- Sunday Oct. 9th, total fee: \$3,280.Supervisor Sweeney made a motion to approve the contracts, second by Combs. Motion carried. Year to date contract revenue collected: \$18,597.
6. **Agent Report:** Stute indicated that Christina Parente, 40% Family Living Educator will report in September. He gave a brief update on current activities which include field day and winter meeting preparation and serving on the planning committee for the annual Wisconsin Crop Management Conference.
7. **Fall District WACEC Meeting- Grant County:** The meeting will be held Thursday October 6th at the Fairgrounds in Lancaster, agenda to be finalized by Sept. 1st. The theme for the meeting is "Successful Partnerships". Plans for Rock Counties participation will be made at the September committee meeting.
8. **Department Update:** Stute reported that the 2012 departmental budget under development is due August 19th and will be reviewed with County Administration in early September. The position description for the 4-H (vice Fredrich) position has been revised and is ready for state review. Carol Jaggi, Clerk Steno III will retire on August 19th after 31 years of service to Rock County and UW-Extension.

Stute discussed the departmental plan to combine the two part-time support staff positions into one FTE beginning January 1, 2012.

9. **Comments from the Committee:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld stated that feedback from the youth at the fair about the swine barn was generally positive but there is no room for couches. Supervisor Combs reported citizen complaints about smoking on the fairgrounds were made at the General Services Committee meeting. Supervisor Bostwick commented that signage on the grounds is lacking. The committee requested this issue be put on the September agenda. Supervisor Sweeney suggested this issue as well as better recycling containers should be discussed with the Fairboard.
10. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld, second by Combs. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Stute
Crops and Soils Educator
Co-Department Head