

MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 10, 2009
Craig Center – Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds
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 6:30 p.m. on June 10, 2009.

Committee members present: Supervisors Bostwick, Supervisor Arnold, Supervisor Combs, Supervisor Sweeney, and Supervisor Wiedenfeld.

Committee members absent: None

Others present: Randy Thompson, Rock County U W Extension Office Chair, Phil Boutwell, Assistant County Administrator, Rose Marie Barrette, T Mobile, Donna Duerst, 4-H Youth Development Agent, and City of Janesville officials.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Combs moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Motion carried.

3. **Public Meeting – Proposal to Install Monopole Wireless Communications Tower by T-Mobile Central, LLC on Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds.** Rose Marie Barrette, T-Mobile representative explained the proposal to construct a 100 ft monopole cell tower on the 4-H Fairgrounds. The tower would include a 30X 35 footprint that would be fenced and landscaped. The tower could accommodate three carriers and would serve as a light pole with manual flood lights attached.

Phil Boutwell indicated that the county would not take any action until the conditional use was approved by the City of Janesville and Planning Commission. City Planning Department officials indicated that T-Mobile would need to submit the proposal to the Planning Commission which would hold a public hearing prior to making a decision on the conditional use permit. Action by the city would likely be in late July.

Several neighbors to the fairgrounds expressed concern. The primary concern was how many more towers would be in the fairgrounds' future. Neighbors inquired as to~ would the county signoff that no additional towers would be constructed after the second tower? Supervisor Wiedenfeld felt the Ag Committee could not make such a commitment on behalf of the full County Board. Boutwell indicated that the final decision lies with the City. In addition, it was mentioned that the number of cell carriers servicing the area is limited. Dick Zanzinger, Fair Board representative, expressed the Fair Board's view that all revenues from the tower remain in the fairgrounds budget for future improvements.

4. **Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2009:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the minutes as printed and seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Motion carried.

5. **Approval of Extension Bills/Transfers:** Randy Thompson reviewed the Extension bills. Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the bills and seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Motion carried.

6. **Agent Report:** Donna Duerst, 4-H Youth Development Agent provided an update on the 4-H Program. The 2009 enrollment includes 1,641 members and 630 leaders. After School enrollments have increased over 50% from 2008. After School Programs are currently in six elementary schools in Janesville and Beloit.
7. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:** The Fair Association has hired it's summer maintenance crew. Improvement projects this year have included: new roof on the Block Building, gutter replacement on multi-purpose building, landscaping and tree removal and water line repair and replacement. The Craig center lighting will be replaced in 2009 and bids will be solicited for replacement of the Stock Pavilion Roof.
8. **Summer District 2 WACEC Meeting:** The summer District 2 WACEC meeting will be held in Columbia County on Tuesday, August 25th. The program will feature a tour of the Arlington Research Station's new dairy research facilities and bio-fuels research tour.
9. **Comments from the Committee:** None.
10. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/Randy Thompson, Office Chair