

**MINUTES**  
**ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2009**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7:00 p.m.

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

**Committee members absent:** None

**Others present:** Randy Thompson, Rock County U W Extension Office Chair, Jim Stute, Richard Pederson, Southern District Director UWEX.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the agenda as printed and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes of February 11 , 2009:** Supervisor Arnold moved to approve the February minutes as written and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.

4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None

5. **Approval of Extension Bills and Transfers:** Randy Thompson reviewed the UWEX bills and transfers. Thompson discussed the transfer of \$1037 from the Fairgrounds LP Gas Account 62203 to R & M Services 62400. A motion was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney to approve the Extension bills and transfers. Motion carried.

6. **Discussion of Request to Site Cell Tower at 4-H Fairgrounds:**

Randy Thompson presented a letter of request from Pete Schaw, representing T-Mobile, Chicago , IL.. T-Mobile is interested in leasing space at the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds for the construction of a freestanding Cell tower. Prior to pursuing required approval from the City of Janesville, T-Mobile would like to know if the Ag Committee would be interested in exploring the possibility of siting another tower at the Fairgrounds.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Arnold to consider offers for construction of additional cell towers at the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

7. **Discussion and Approval of Sale of Farm Equipment:** Jim Stute reviewed the list of farm equipment maintained at the County Farm for use in the Community Garden and UW Extension Research Plots. Stute is proposing trading some of the lesser used equipment for equipment that is better suited for use in the research plots.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Arnold to instruct staff to research upgrade and dispersal of recommended farm equipment. Motion carried.

8. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:** Thompson presented the following rental contracts for approval: 4/25 Wisconsin Suffolk Breeders (fee \$245); 5/5-5/8 Lead Abatement Training (Blackhawk Building) Planning Department – no charge; 5/17- Horse Rescue Program – Dee Goldberg – (fee- \$245); 8/20 – Rock County Beef Producers (fee \$235); 8/29 Dan Hanson Charity Car Show (fee \$245); 12/23-24 – Connie Wilson Family (fee - \$675); 12/31/09-1/2/2010 – WI-IL Rabbit Show – Kim Hansen (fee \$725); 9/27-10/3 – National Jersey Cattle Association (fee \$2260).

9. **Resolution Awarding Roof Replacement Contract for 4-H Fairgrounds Block Bldg:** Thompson presented the bids for the Block Building Roof Replacement. The low bid was submitted by Nieman Central Roofing for \$18,225. Nieman has completed work for the County in the past and is recommended by Purchasing.

A motion to accept the bid for \$18,225 submitted by Nieman Central Roofing, Lyndon Station, Wi, was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.

10. **Comments from the Committee:** Supervisor Sweeney indicated that he spoke to the Edgerton Rotary regarding the PDR Programs. Program was well received.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Per Section 19.85 (1)( c), Wisconsin Stats, PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF AGENT STAFF with UWEX District Director and County Department Head.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to go into Executive Session and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Roll Call: Bostwick - aye; Arnold – aye; Combs – aye, Sweeney – aye, Wiedenfeld – aye.

A motion to return into open session was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Motion carried

12. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/Randy Thompson, Office Chair