

MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 12, 2009
2nd floor Conference Room
Rock County Courthouse
JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

1. **Call to Order:**

The August 12th, 2009 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 Bostwick, Supervisor Combs, Supervisor Sweeney, and Supervisor Wiedenfeld.

Committee members absent: Supervisor Arnold

Others present: Randy Thompson, Rock County U W Extension Office Chair, Jim Stute, Crops and Soils Educator, Angela Flickinger, Family Living Educator.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Thompson distributed an amended agenda which had been properly noticed. Supervisor Combs moved to approve the amended agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.

3. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements** – None.

4. **Approval of Bills/Transfers:** Randy Thompson presented the bills for the UW Extension Department. Supervisor Sweeney made a motion to approve the bills. Seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.

5. **Approval of Semi-Annual Training Limitation Report:** Randy Thompson reported that none of the UW Extension staff members have had training expenses above the County limitation. A motion to approve the semi annual training limitation report was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.

6. **Agent Reports:** Jim Stute, Crops and Soils Educator gave an update on recent program activities. Stute has been asked to participate in discussions concerning the Wisconsin DOT proposed Highway 11/14 by-pass east of Janesville. To date, five options for locating the Highway 11/14 road bed have been proposed. The project would have tremendous impact on Agriculture in Bradford and LaPrairie townships including the loss of 400-500 acres of prime ag land.

Stute provided an update on research activities at the County Farm and with cooperating producers. He provided information on planned fall and winter educational programs for producers and ag professionals.

Angela Flickinger, Family Living Educator, provided an update on program activities. Flickinger is collaborating with Edgerton Hospital, Beloit Area Community Center, Riverview Clinic and Clinton Community Center to offer Dining With Diabetes Programs. The program includes 25 participants at each

site. The Get Active Guide has been reprinted with the assistance of the WIC agency.

The Strong Women Program continues to grow with over 400 participants completing the program. In addition, the program has gone statewide. Flickinger has trained 120 individuals throughout the state and Midwest to serve as Strong Women trainers. Rock County is the leader in the state in the Strong Women's Program due to Flickinger's leaders. Participants range in age from 35-95 and the impacts of the program have been documented and published in a research journal.

7. **Approval of Resolution Authorizing Ground Lease with T-Mobile Central:** Thompson reviewed the resolution authorizing a ground lease with T-Mobile Central LLC. Supervisor Combs made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.
8. **Discussion and Approval of 133 Amended Contract with UW System and Rock County:** Thompson reviewed the 133 Agent Contract for July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010. The county is contracted to pay 40% of the Agent salaries except for the Horticulture Educator (20%). The fringe benefit rate is 38.5% of the 40% salary. The contract has been reduced due to the mandatory eight furlough days resulting in a 3.065% decrease and the rescinding of the 2% wage increase from June 2009. A motion was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Combs to approve the 133 Contract for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Motion carried. .
9. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance & Contracts:** Thompson presented the following rental contracts for committee approval:
 - September 20th – Wright Family Retirement Party (fee of \$245)
 - October 24th – Dee Golberg – Horse Rescue Program (fee of \$345)A motion was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.
10. **Comments from the Committee:** Extension staff were commended on their efforts and involvement in the Rock County 4-H Fair.
11. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/Randy Thompson, Office Chair