

**MINUTES**  
**ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, November 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

**Staff present:** Randy Thompson, Rock County U W Extension Office Chair, Jim Stute, Donna Duerst and Mary Krisco.

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

3. **Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2009 and October 28, 2009:** (Joint Meeting with Public Works)

Supervisor Combs moved to approve the minutes of October 14 and October 28<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Arnold seconded the motion. Several minor corrections were discussed. Motion approved with corrections to the minutes.

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

5. **Extension Bills/Transfers:** Randy Thompson reviewed the UWEX bills. Supervisor Arnold moved to approve the bills. Motion seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.

Thompson presented two transfers for the committee's approval. Thompson requested transferring \$2,000 from Account 62119 – Other Contracted Services to Account 63300 – Travel. Funds are to cover travel costs for Professional Staff. The second transfer includes transferring \$1,000 from Account 62219 – Other Contracted Services to Account 67130 – Terminals and PC's. This request is to enable replacement of Department Laptop which crashed and was beyond repair.

A motion to approve both transfers was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Motion carried.

6. **Resolution Amending the 2009 Rock County UW Extension Budget:**

Randy Thompson reviewed the resolution Amending the UW Extension 2009 Budget. The resolution authorizes amending the Sundry Revenue and Sundry Expense accounts. The accounts are utilized for income and expenses from educational programs. Revenues offset program expenditures therefore, there is no impact to the tax levy.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Arnold to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

7. **Agent Reports:** Donna Duerst, 4-H Youth Development Agent and Mary Krisco, WNEP Coordinator presented updates on educational programming. The Nutrition Education Program staff has made over 42,000 educational contacts in 2009. The WNEP Program is funded through federal USDA Grant Funds. Rock County receives in excess of \$600,000 in federal funds to support the nutrition program.
8. **Discussion of MALWEG Grant:** Jim Stute, Crops and Soils Educator, informed the committee that he has received notice that Rock County will receive a 2010 MALWEG GRANT. The grant will be for Ag Producer Nutrient Management Education. Thompson indicated that a resolution will be required to amend the 2010 UW Extension budget and accept the grant funds. A resolution will be submitted at the December or January Ag Committee meeting.
9. **Discussion of Setting Date for Professional Staff Reviews:** Richard Pederson, UW Extension Southern District Director is requesting that counties identify dates in February and March 2010 to conduct Performance Reviews. The Committee instructed Thompson to request February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 7:00 p.m. for the reviews. Second choice would be March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
10. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:** Thompson indicated that the Stock Pavilion Roof Project would be started in November or December with a year-end completion.  
  
Thompson provided the committee with a listing of improvements completed since 2006. He asked the committee to look forward to future improvement projects. It is anticipated that as a result of cell tower rental revenues, the Fairgrounds budget should include \$50-60,000 annually for improvements. Thompson suggested that the committee discuss and prioritize future improvement projects in order to develop a five and ten year plan. Discussions will be held over the next few months.
11. **Discussion of Moving Sheriff's Department Storage Garage:** Thompson indicated that there has been preliminary discussion about moving the Storage Garage to the Community Garden site. The Garage could be utilized for the Community Garden Program and the RECAP garden program. Currently the garage is scheduled for demolition in phase 1 – Jail Project. Early estimates indicate the cost of moving the garage would be an additional \$2,000 (not including new foundation cost).
12. **Comments From the Committee:** Supervisor Sweeney reminded the Committee of the upcoming special LCC meeting on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Jim Welsh will discuss PACE Program Issues.
13. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/Randy Thompson, Office Chair