

Agriculture & Education Committee
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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, November 11, 2021
UW Extension
Hybrid meeting

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Bostwick, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Crary, Supervisor Stevens, Supervisor Aegerter

Committee Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Chrissy Wen, Brent Sutherland, Terri Carlson.

Others Present:

Zach Hill, Alliant Energy.

1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.
2. Adoption of Agenda: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the agenda for November 10, 2021, second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED.
3. Approval of minutes from October 13, 2021 and October 27, 2021
Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the minutes from October 13, 2021 and October 27, 2021 as presented, second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED.
4. Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements
Chrissy Wen informed the committee that she will be interviewing for the Office Coordinator position tomorrow.

Extension:

5. Review of Extension Bills
Reviewed.
6. Update on Regional Crop Educator
Chrissy updated the committee on the Regional Crop Educator recruitment. Chrissy informed the committee that they may have to repost. She added that the educator in Walworth County also resigned, so this may become a regional position.

7. Updated on Regional Dairy Educator

Chrissy informed the committee that the position has been reposted and is currently up. Supervisor Stevens inquired whether the education requirements that are on the job posting need to be required. Chrissy responded that they have been discussing the education requirements for this position and other positions within the organization.

8. Discussion and possible action on 2022 Extension/County contract

Chrissy presented the 2022 Extension/County contract. Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the contract as presented, second by Supervisor Stevens. ADOPTED.

Fairgrounds:

9. Review of Fairgrounds Maintenance Bills and Contracts

Reviewed.

10. Approval to partner w/Alliant Energy for Installation of 1.4-megawatt solar array

Brent explained that he has been looking at ways to increase renewables and become carbon-neutral by 2050. Brent has been working with Alliant. They are looking to install a 1.4 mega-watt solar array on a 10-acre parcel just east of Rock Haven. Rock County will provide the land and Alliant energy will install and maintain the equipment. Alliant Energy will provide lease payments and potentially Renewable Energy Credits. Supervisor Sweeney asked to include language that all soil from the site would be left onsite and returned once the project is complete.

11. Fair Board Report

Brent discussed the electrical updates with the committee.

12. Comments from the Committee

None.

13. Adjournment

Supervisor Stevens moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED

Haley Hoffman
Office Coordinator
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