

Agriculture & Education Committee
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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, November 11, 2020
UW Extension
Teleconference

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Bostwick, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Aegerter, Supervisor Lokrantz

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Christine Wen, Shana Leith, Maria Jacobson, Tara Hanley, Dave Froeber, Jason O'Connor, Terri Carlson

Others Present:

Fair Board President Ryan George (7:23 pm.)

1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. Adoption of Agenda: Supervisor Davis moved approval of the agenda for November 11, 2020 second by Supervisor Lokrantz. ADOPTED.
3. Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2020: Supervisor Aegerter moved to approve October 14, 2020 minutes, second by Supervisor Lokrantz. ADOPTED Supervisor Aegerter noted a correction on item #7. Ms. Hanley will correct.
4. Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements
Ms. Hanley noted there were no public comments submitted for the meeting. Supervisor Davis stated there is a Towns Association of Rock County meeting November 19th. Supervisor Sweeney stated there is a County Board meeting at the same time.

Extension:

5. Review of Extension Bills

None

6. RECAP Use of Farm Shop Building Winter 20-21 for Food Outreach Program – Discussion & Possible Action

Mr. O'Connor is seeking approval to utilize the farm shop building for possible RECAP projects related to building garden to go boxes and growing food indoors for local food pantries. Details are still being assembled. Motion by Supervisor Aegerter to approve use of the farm building as requested. Second by Supervisor Lokrantz. ADOPTED. Ms. Wen stated to Mr. O'Connor that she would like to connect over further collaboration in the future.

7. Program Update

a.) FoodWise

FoodWise Educator, Maria Jacobson, presented the committee with an overview of recent FoodWise programming including Spanish programs.

b.) Agriculture Educator Position Update

Ms. Wen stated the Extension Ag Institute is exploring how to fill Educator vacancies. She stated this will most likely look like a regional coverage instead of one Ag Educator per County.

Fairgrounds:

8. Review of Fairgrounds Maintenance Bills and Contracts

Reviewed

9. Fairgrounds

a.) Update Re: Men's Gift Shelter Request

Mr. Froeber stated the Men's Gift Shelter has ceased any further planning of their fundraiser until social distancing guidelines have been lifted.

10. Fair Board Report

Mr. George stated there was not a lot to report this month. The board is looking into fair options for next year. Mr. George questioned the current status of the County Master Electrician position. Mr. Froeber stated they are moving forward with filling that position.

11. Comments from the Committee

Supervisor Aegerter stated the Winter Janesville Farmer's Market is being held the 1st Saturday of the month in Janesville Uptown.

12. Adjournment

Supervisor Lokrantz moved to adjourn at 7:57 p.m., second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED

Tara Hanley

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