

Agriculture & Education Committee
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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, September 9, 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, Nick Baker, Tara Hanley, Brent Sutherland, Terri Carlson

Others Present:

Fair Board President Ryan George

1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.
2. Adoption of Agenda: Supervisor Davis moved approval of the agenda for September 9, 2020 second by Supervisor Lokrantz. ADOPTED. Ms. Hanley noted a date correction to September 9, 2020.
3. Approval of Minutes from August 12, 2020: Supervisor Aegerter moved to approve August 12, 2020 minutes, second by Supervisor Lokrantz. ADOPTED
4. Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements
Ms. Hanley noted there were no public comments submitted for the meeting.

Extension:

5. Review of Extension Bills
Reviewed. Supervisor Davis inquired what the payment to University of Wisconsin Extension payment was for. Ms. Wen explained this was 50% of the 2020 contract payment.
6. 2021 Extension Contract
Ms. Wen summarized the 2021 Extension Contract and inquired on next steps for the Committee. Item will be added to the next Committee meeting as a discussion and action item.

Fairgrounds:

7. Review of Fairgrounds Maintenance Bills and Contracts
Reviewed

8. Fairgrounds

a.) Update on Isolation Shelter

Mr. Sutherland explained there has been a subcommittee working on coordination of the Isolation Shelter and the possible use of local hotel rooms for smaller needs. Ms. Carlson stated negotiations with hotels were ongoing. The bathroom trailer rental was discontinued and the cubicles were dismantled and put in the medical trailer for storage. Mr. Sutherland stated they will begin renting out the Craig Center October 1st pending any new developments that would prohibit that. Chair Bostwick questioned if renters were aware of the possible cancellations due to pandemic related changes. Mr. Sutherland confirmed that they are informed of that possibility.

b.) Fees for the Men's Gift Shelter – Discussion & Possible Action

Mr. Sutherland stated he was contacted by the fundraiser regarding use of the grandstands at the fairgrounds. They are still looking at other options as well. Mr. Sutherland stated the Committee could waive the fees if it so deemed. The Committee questioned if this was going to be an in-person or virtual event? Mr. Sutherland answered it was in-person now and that they planned to follow requirements related to the pandemic regarding social distancing etc. The Committee had further questions regarding liability and this item will be brought forward again at a future meeting.

9. Fair Board Report

Mr. George expressed appreciation that the Isolation Center was being deactivated as the Fair Board is working coordination of their annual meeting.

10. Comments from the Committee

Mr. Baker announced that he accepted a new position and would be leaving Extension. He has a meeting with Josh tomorrow to discuss continuity of farm operations. The Committee offered their congratulations and appreciation to Mr. Baker for his positive contributions to the farm and Extension.

12. Adjournment

Supervisor Aegerter moved to adjourn at 7:54 p.m., second by Supervisor Lokrantz. ADOPTED

Tara Hanley

Rock County UW Extension Administrative Services Coordinator

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