

**Minutes**  
**Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee**  
**Wednesday, October 13, 2010**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courthouse Conference Center**  
**Rock County Courthouse**  
**Janesville, WI**

1. **Call to Order:** The October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Eva Arnold at 7:04 p.m.  
**Committee members present:** Supervisor Arnold, Supervisor Combs, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Supervisor Bostwick arrived at 7:04 p.m.  
  
**Staff Present:** Randy Thompson, Department Head and Donna Duerst, 4-H and Youth Development Agent.  
**Also Present:** Richard Zanzinger, Rock County Fair Association Representative.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Combs moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** (September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010) The minutes of September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were reviewed. Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** Supervisor Sweeney indicated that a compromise had been reached between City of Janesville Staff and members of the Ad- hoc PACE Committee. The compromise will be presented at the next Ad-hoc committee meeting.
5. **Approval of Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Randy Thompson presented the Extension bills. Supervisor Arnold moved to approve the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.

**6. 4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:**

- A. Report from Fair Association Representative: Richard Zanzinger, Fair Board member, provided a brief summary of the 2010 4-H Fair. The fair was successful given the local economy. It appears the Fair Association will break even in this year's fair. The fair board has agreed to cost share with the Pork Producers purchase and install new pens in the Swine Barn. Total cost of the new pens is approximately \$40,000. Thompson indicated he is interested in painting the structural supports and interior roof deck prior to the installation of the new pens. The Swine Barn painting project would be completed in the spring 2011. The Rock County Pork Producers will provide the labor for installing the new pens.

Thompson reported that Phase I – Water System replacement would be completed by the fall. The County will purchase the materials and hire Gerald Fox and Son for installation.

Thompson reported that he has been working with Corporation Counsel and Purchasing to resolve the issue concerning the Blackhawk Building roof with the roofing contractor. The material used to seal the roof is failing. Thompson anticipates having an answer at next meeting as to how the contractor intends to repair the roof.

- B. Approval of 4-H Fairgrounds Contracts: Thompson presented the following rental contracts for committee approval: October 30<sup>th</sup> – Sue Pickering Wedding Reception (proposed fee of \$360.00); November 13<sup>th</sup> – Paige Fischer Rummage/Antique Sale (proposed fee \$410); November 28<sup>th</sup> – Wisconsin Satin Breeders Rabbit Show (proposed fee \$320). The Children's Christmas Benefit co-sponsored by Supervisor Knudson would like to use the Craig Center for the Toy and Food Distribution (proposed fee – no charge).

Supervisor Sweeney motioned to approve the contracts as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.

**7. Agent Report – Donna Duerst, 4-H Youth Development Agent**

Donna Duerst provided an update on Youth Development Programs. Area 4-H Clubs are wrapping up the 2010 project year. She has been attending numerous Club Achievement Banquets. She also discussed after-school youth programs conducted at Beloit Library.

Duerst will be a presenter at the upcoming National 4-H Youth Agent Conference to be held in Arizona.

8. **Update and Discussion on Backfill for Family Living Agent:** Angela Flickinger has requested her appointment be reduced following the birth of her 3<sup>rd</sup> child. UW Extension has approved the reduced appointment and will be hiring a .4 FTE backfill. Thompson anticipated interviewing candidates in mid-January 2011. The reduced appointment will be for two years.

**9. Department Update:**

Sue Fredrich, 4-H Program Assistant is on medical leave following surgery. She is expected to be back in about two weeks.

Thompson requested committee input on the draft ordinance banning Smoking and Smokeless products on County Property. The ordinance would apply to all county property including parks and the 4-H Fairgrounds. The ordinance if approved would make it illegal to smoke anywhere on the fairgrounds. The committee went on record supporting the proposed ordinance. Thompson was instructed to discuss the Ordinance with the Fair Association and forward their concerns to the Corporation Counsel.

10. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/Randy Thompson