

Rock County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, September 9, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Room
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville WI

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Dowd, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Wiedenfeld

Committee Members Absent: N/A

Staff Members Present: Donna Duerst, Nick Baker, Megan Rebout, Randy Thompson

Guests Present: John Quinn, Fair Board President

1. Call to Order
The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Supervisor Sweeney, Second by Supervisor Davis, Motion passed.
3. Approval of August 12, 2015, Meeting Minutes
Motion by Supervisor Wiedenfeld, Second by Supervisor Davis, Correct August 12th Minutes – Motion to adjourn second was by Supervisor Sweeney; Motion Passed.
4. Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements – None
5. Educator Report: Megan Rebout, 4-H Youth Development Educator
Upcoming Programs: Ambassadors; After School at Robinson Elementary-Beloit; Utilizing Technology (QR Codes); joined Youth 2 Youth Coalition & Statewide Healthy Living Team; Got VIVA Leadership Training; Real Colors
6. 4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts - Presented by Thompson
 - October 18 – Rock River Community Church Fall Festival - \$305
 - October 24 – Dean George Auction Estate Sale Craig Center \$420
 - November 8, All Breed Cat Show, Craig Center \$305 + \$70 Heat SurchargeOther items have been approved and contracts already completed.
Motion to Approve by Supervisor Dowd, Second by Supervisor Sweeney;
Passed
Capital Expense: Quality Exterior Painting – painting Craig Center Bathrooms

7. Fair Board Report

John Quinn reported the weather was good. Attendance was average. The fair lost money so it's time to do some brainstorming regarding major changes.

Discussion: Would more advertising help? Need to find out what other fairs do. Need to use Social Media more effectively.

8. Hunting on the County Farm

Baker reported that goose hunters on the south side of the highway as part of the City of Janesville program and the problems with those hunters has affected UW Research Plots. Baker told those hunters they couldn't return this year.

Supervisor Sweeney moved to deny hunting on the County Farm on the South side of the highway for the foreseeable future. Supervisor Dowd Second; Motion passed.

9. Approval of Extension/Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances

Motion to approve by Supervisor Sweeney, Second by Supervisor Wiedenfeld
Discussion: \$870 is for prepayment of the PAT (Pesticide Applicator Training) manuals. Fairground R&M Expenses is for work at the fairgrounds. Motion passed.

10. Department Update: 2015 WCA Conference, September 20-22 in LaCrosse
Supervisor Davis is attending the WCA Conference. Duerst said that a 0% increase budget was presented for the UWEX Office. Working on a support staff configuration for the future. Future of UW-Extension is uncertain.

11. Comments from the Committee

Supervisor Dowd expressed disapproval of potential reorganization of UW-Extension might be OK if a hybrid model is developed. Supervisor Davis asked about the DNR possibly losing control of high capacity wells. Supervisor Dowd thanked the Committee as this is his final meeting.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Davis; Second by Supervisor Dowd Motion Passed

Meeting Ended at 8:15 pm
Minutes Taken By Donna Duerst

Transcribed by Sheila JaDoul