



Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
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, Julie Hill, Tara Hanley, Brent Sutherland

Others Present:

Fair Board President Ryan George

1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. Adoption of Agenda: Supervisor Lokrantz moved approval of the agenda for January 13, 2021 second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED.
3. Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2020: Supervisor Aegerter moved to approve December 9, 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
None
6. Semi Annual Report
Reviewed
7. Program Update
 - a.) Horticulture Educator & Master Gardener Program Update
Julie Hill, Horticulture Educator, provided the Committee with a program update including Master Gardener Training updates.

Fairgrounds:

8. Review of Fairgrounds Maintenance Bills and Contracts

Reviewed

9. Fairgrounds

Mr. Sutherland stated the City has found an alternative location for the warming instead of the Craig Center. Mr. Sutherland outlined the upcoming fairgrounds project for 2021 and stated they were in the process of hiring a Master Electrician to fill the vacancy.

10. Fair Board Report

Mr. George thanked Mr. Sutherland for the updates, always appreciated. Mr. George reiterated they are fair planning but do not know what it may look like yet.

11. Comments from the Committee

During the Extension portion of the agenda, Mr. Sutherland stated he had received a complaint regarding a portion of the County Farm being torn up by a plow. It was noted this was done by Alliant during a repair to their equipment. It has gone to their complaint department. Supervisor Sweeney questioned where the damage occurred. Mr. Sutherland will send the info he received via email on to Supervisor Sweeney.

Supervisor Davis questioned if there was an update for the Ag Educator opening. Ms. Wen stated there is no new information right now but should have more after the meeting with County Administrator, Josh Smith.

12. Adjournment

Supervisor Davis moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., second by Supervisor Lokrantz.
ADOPTED

Tara Hanley
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Administrative Services Coordinator

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