

Agriculture & Education Committee
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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, July 14, 2021
UW Extension
Teleconference

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Bostwick, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Stevens, Supervisor Crary

Committee Members Absent:

Supervisor Aegerter

Staff Members Present:

Christine Wen, Tara Hanley, Dave Froeber, Jill Camber Davidson, Terri Carlson

Others Present:

1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.
2. Adoption of Agenda: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the agenda for July 14, 2021. Second by Chair Bostwick. ADOPTED.
3. Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2021: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the minutes from June 9, 2021. Second by Chair Bostwick. ADOPTED
4. Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements
Ms. Hanley noted there were no public comments submitted for the meeting.

Chair Bostwick welcomed Supervisor Crary to the Committee.

5. Solar Project/Farmland Discussion
Mr. Froeber stated Alliant Energy has shown interest in utilizing part of the Rock County Farm as a solar farm site. He stated this supports the County's goal to be carbon neutral by 2050. The area on the farm most suitable is not one that can be used for research or test plots. Mr. Froeber stated the County would receive approximately \$63,000 annually in lease or energy credits.

Extension:

6. Review of Extension Bills
Reviewed.

7. Semi Annual Training Report
Reviewed.
8. Program Update
 - a.) Agriculture Educator Vacancy Update
Ms. Wen provided a recap of the vacancy to the Committee.
 - b.) Health & Well Being Program Update
Health & Well Being Program Educator, Jill Camber Davidson, provided the Committee with a program update.

Fairgrounds:

9. Review of Fairgrounds Maintenance Bills and Contracts
Reviewed
10. Fairgrounds
Mr. Froeber said there has been a lot of electrical work done recently. They are busy getting ready for the fair. Supervisor Sweeney questioned if fair rentals would resume after the fair. Mr. Froeber confirmed that they would be.
11. Fair Board Report
None
12. Comments from the Committee
None
13. Adjournment
Supervisor Stevens moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., second by Supervisor Crary.
ADOPTED

Tara Hanley
Rock County UW Extension
Administrative Services Supervisor

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