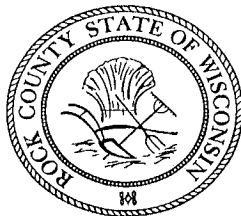


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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, April 11, 2018
Rock County Courthouse
Room N-2, 5th Floor
51 S. Main St., Janesville, WI 53545

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Driscoll, Supervisor Hawes, Supervisor Sweeney,
Supervisor Davis

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Chrissy Wen, Shana Leith, Nick Baker, Tara Hanley, Brian Paul

Others Present:

Randy Thompson, Doug Rebut

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Bostwick called the meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Bostwick moved approval of the agenda of April 11, 2018, second by Supervisor Driscoll. ADOPTED
3. Adoption of Minutes: Supervisor Davis moved approval of the minutes from March 14, 2018, second by Supervisor Driscoll. ADOPTED
4. Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements
None

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5. Rock County UW-Extension staff and program updates
 - a. Staffing Update – Chrissy Wen, Area 19 Director

Chrissy Wen stated interviews for the FoodWise Administrator position were being held Friday, April 13th. Shana Leith has been acting as Interim FoodWise Administrator for the past seven months.

Ms. Wen informed the Committee that Walworth County has approved the shared Horticulture position as well, and it is now in a holding status for approval from the State.

- b. FoodWise Update – Shana Leith, FoodWise Interim Administrator
Shana Leith provided committee members with updates on the Eating Smart Being Active, SNAP-ED, and EFNEP programs and shared accompanying flyers.

Doug Rebout asked Ms. Leith if FoodWise partnered with other organizations and expressed interest in a possible collaboration with the Farm Bureau at some point.

- c. Farm Update – Nick Baker, Agriculture Extension Educator
Nick Baker informed the committee that bids for the Agricultural Machinery Storage Building at the Rock County Farm opened today and they have received four bids (one of which did not meet minimum specifications and is eligible for disqualification). Discussion on building specifications.

- 6. Review of Payments
Accepted.

Fairgrounds:

- 7. Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts
Brian Paul briefed the committee on the latest maintenance improvements to the fairgrounds. Mr. Paul noted there is an upcoming fairground clean-up planned with a group of 4-H youth.
- 8. Fairgrounds
 - a. Discussion and possible action on long-term planning
Discussion took place regarding what the main priorities seem to be for the various groups that utilize the fairgrounds. Mr. Paul requested general direction from the committee as to the next steps. Supervisor Driscoll suggested thinking about optimal fairground usage 15-20 years from now and work back from there for steps needed to take to get there. Mr. Paul stated, in his opinion, the most pressing priority for the fairgrounds would be addressing any safety issues present.
 - b. Discussion and possible action on agreement with Farm Bureau

Chair Bostwick noted there would be no action on the agreement at this meeting but that discussion could continue.

Doug Rebout briefed the committee on the specifications and plans of the Farm Bureau building for the Fairgrounds. Mr. Rebout noted the plan was to get it built this year, but in reality that may not happen.

9. Fair Board Report

Randy Thompson confirmed agreement with the information shared by Mr. Rebout regarding the Farm Bureau building on the Fairgrounds. He also stated 100% support of putting together a long-term visioning plan for the Fairgrounds and expressed appreciation of the work Mr. Paul was doing towards that.

10. Comments from the Committee

None

11. Adjournment

Supervisor Sweeney moved to adjourn at 8:37 p.m., second by Supervisor Hawes. ADOPTED

Tara Hanley
Rock County UW Extension Office Coordinator

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