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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, June 9, 2021
UW Extension
Teleconference

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Bostwick, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Stevens, Supervisor Aegerter

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Christine Wen, Tara Hanley, Dave Froeber, Laura Vander Veen

Others Present:

1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. Adoption of Agenda: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the agenda for June 9, 2021. Second by Chair Bostwick. ADOPTED.
3. Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2021 & May 12, 2021: Supervisor Aegerter moved approval of the minutes from April 14 & May 12, 2012. Second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED
4. Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements
Ms. Hanley noted there were no public comments submitted for the meeting.

Supervisor Sweeney announced that Weed Science was hosting a Giant Ragweed field day at the County Farm on Friday.

Extension:

5. Review of Extension Bills
Reviewed. Supervisor Sweeney questioned if the Fleming Farms invoices sent prior had been paid. Ms. Hanley affirmed they were processed.
6. Program Update
 - a.) Agriculture Educator Vacancy Update
Ms. Wen stated that at the last meeting with Heidi, they came to an agreement that the position would play an important role in coordinating

research plots and research labs at the farm. Jefferson County is also on board, and Ms. Wen will be meeting with both Jefferson and Rock on the 15th. Chair Bostwick stated this does not include Walworth County, correct. Ms. Wen stated that was correct but that they are supportive of the regional model. Supervisor Sweeney inquired about State funding for new Ag Educators. Ms. Wen stated they haven't done much hiring at all in that area and thinks Rock County will be the first hiring with the regional model. She stated that could have been referring to State funded specialists.

b.) 4-H Program Update

4-H Program Educator, Laura Vander Veen, provided the Committee with a 4-H program update via PowerPoint.

Fairgrounds:

7. Review of Fairgrounds Maintenance Bills and Contracts

Reviewed

8. Fairgrounds

a.) Approval of the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds Mutual Working Agreement for 2021

Mr. Froeber stated the agreement was mostly the same as the previous year, but had added verbiage regarding COVID and following Public Health recommendations. The Fair Association has signed the Agreement.

Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the Rock County 4-H Fairground Mutual Working Agreement for 2021. Second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED.

9. Fair Board Report

Mr. Froeber stated there is much excitement the Fair is taking place this year. This will be the first Fair since Facilities began managing the grounds. Supervisor Bostwick inquired if the Fair had any restrictions regarding public health. Mr. Froeber was not aware of any at this time.

10. Comments from the Committee

None

11. Adjournment

Supervisor Sweeney moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m., second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED

Tara Hanley
Rock County UW Extension
Administrative Services Supervisor

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