

Agriculture & Education Committee
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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, December 9, 2020
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, Erin Conway, Laura Vander Veen, Tara Hanley, Dave Froeber, Terri Carlson

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 Davis moved approval of the agenda for December 9, 2020 second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED.
3. Approval of Minutes from November 11, 2020: Supervisor Lokrantz moved to approve November 11, 2020 minutes, second by Supervisor Aegerter. 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. Program Update

a.) Agriculture Educator Update

Ms. Wen has been in contact with Rock County Administrator, Josh Smith, to set up an opportunity for a conversation regarding the Ag Educator vacancy and Rock County Farm as Mr. Baker's last day was Friday.

b.) 4-H & Community Youth Development

Erin Conway & Laura Vander Veen presented a Power Point overview of the 4-H & Community Youth Development programming. Highlights included: grant money that paid for attendance at the virtual Racial Justice Conference, Ad Hoc Committee for idea sharing, and shifting to a virtual environment.

Fairgrounds:

7. Review of Fairgrounds Maintenance Bills and Contracts

Reviewed

8. Fairgrounds

Mr. Froeber stated that there was not a lot of new business to report this month. Bruce has been keeping busy this winter with repairs. Discussion ensued regarding the City of Janesville looking for warming centers this winter, and Mr. Froeber questioned if the Craig Center would be an appropriate option. Chair Bostwick questioned the safety of that due to COVID numbers increasing recently. Mr. Froeber stated that was a definite cause for caution and no action is being taken to offer the Craig Center at this time.

9. Fair Board Report

Mr. George stated they are moving forward with 2021 fair planning. There is uncertainty what exactly that will look like as of now. He expressed hope that the Craig Center will be available for use during that time.

10. Comments from the Committee

None

12. Adjournment

Supervisor Aegerter moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., second by Supervisor Davis.
ADOPTED

Tara Hanley

Rock County UW Extension Administrative Services Coordinator

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