

Agriculture & Education Committee
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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, February 10, 2021
UW Extension
Teleconference

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Bostwick, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Aegerter, Supervisor Lokrantz (7:18 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Christine Wen, Tara Hanley

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 February 10, 2021 second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED.
3. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2021: Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve January 13, 2021 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. Semi Annual Report
Reviewed
7. Program Update
 - a.) Agriculture Educator Vacancy Update
Ms. Wen provided the Committee with an overview of the Agriculture Educator vacancy and that she has been having productive conversations

with Committee members, Extension personnel, and County Administrator. These conversations have been mostly about what the farm will look like. Heidi, Extension Ag Institute Director, expressed a need to structure the position as a regional model. Supervisor Sweeney stated his wish that the farm continue RECAP collaboration, Community Gardens, Weed Science & production experimentation. The next step will be to bring County Maintenance into the conversation to discuss who should be responsible for farm maintenance (mowing, tilling, etc.).

Fairgrounds:

8. Review of Fairgrounds Maintenance Bills and Contracts

Staff not present.

9. Fairgrounds

Supervisor Davis inquired about the Craig Center warming shelter. Chair Bostwick confirmed no conflict with that.

10. Fair Board Report

Mr. George stated they are working through a contract with Mr. Sutherland and fundraising for the Fair in July. He noted the fundraiser will seek a beer license for that, it's not for the Fair.

11. Comments from the Committee

Supervisor Davis questioned if there was any resolution to the torn up land at the County Farm. Supervisor Sweeney stated he went through what had been planted there.

Supervisor Aegerter shared Janesville Farmer's Market details.

12. Adjournment

Supervisor Aegerter moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., second by Supervisor Lokrantz. ADOPTED

Tara Hanley
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