

**Rock County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee**  
**Wednesday, October 8, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courthouse Conference Room**  
**Rock County Courthouse**  
**Janesville WI**

**Approved Minutes**

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Bostwick, Dowd, Richard, Sweeney and Wiedenfeld

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Staff Members Present:** Donna Duerst, Angela Flickinger, Nick Baker

**Guests Present:** John Quinn

**1. Call to Order**

The October 8, 2014, meeting of the Rock County Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Bostwick at 7:10 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve by Sweeney, seconded by Richard; motion carried.

**3. Approval of September 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve by Dowd, seconded by Bostwick; no changes, additions or deletions; motion carried.

**4. Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements**

Supervisor Wiedenfeld thanked the UW-Extension staff for the card. Supervisor Richard will be leaving the A&E Committee after the December Meeting. Rock County Board President J. Russel Podzilni will appoint a new committee member.

**5. Educator Reports: Nick Baker, Agriculture Educator; Donna Duerst, 4-H Youth Development Educator**

Nick Baker: "Ag Matters" selected by the Dean to speak with a group from the South African Government at the World Dairy Expo. Nick shared a list of upcoming meetings & trainings. Staff cleaned the shed at the farm and we received the new tractor.

Donna Duerst: Shared needs assessment and program activities for 4-H Recruitment & Retention Program; working with clubs to increase membership and diversity.

**6. 4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts**

None

**7. Fair Board Report**

Fair Board President John Quinn reported that the main focus is currently entertainment including free daily entertainment. Cost of entertainment continues to increase.

**8. Approval of Fairgrounds Manager Position Description**

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Richard. Discussion: Supervisor Wiedenfeld had a question regarding availability on evenings and weekends. Bostwick clarified that availability was mainly by pre-arrangement and will be covered in more detail in the Fairground Use Policy being drafted. Motion passed.

**9. Approval of Extension Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances**

Motion to approve by Wiedenfeld, seconded by Sweeney. No questions, all bills moved. Motion carried.

**10. Update from Department**

- Shared information on potential technology pilot program; Committee is supportive.
- Update on Transform Wisconsin.
- Need to be looking for a new office space to combine Janesville & Beloit offices; would eventually like a CNRED Educator.

**11. Comments from the Committee**

None

**12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Dowd, seconded by Richard; motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Notes taken by Donna Duerst  
Transcribed by Sheila JaDoul