

Rock County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, June 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Room
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville WI

Approved Minutes - Amended

Committee Members Present:

Supervisors: Bostwick, Davis, Dowd, Sweeney, Wiedenfeld

Committee Members Absent: N/A

Staff Members Present: Donna Duerst & Kathy Hetzel

Guests Present: N/A

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda by Supervisor Sweeney, Second by Supervisor Davis, motion passed.
3. Approval of May 13, 2015, Meeting Minutes
No changes; Motion to approve minutes by Supervisor Wiedenfeld, Second by Supervisor Davis, motion passed.
4. Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements
N/A
5. 4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts
None
6. Approval of 2015 Working Agreement with Fair Association
Motion to approve by Supervisor Sweeney, Second by Supervisor Wiedenfeld; Discussion; #2 "through" August 5th, but #10 "to" August 5th; could be a problem; #11 archaic language 'servants' why is that word necessary? Maybe substitute with volunteers. Motion by Supervisor Sweeney to Amend #18 to change August 1st to August 5th, Second by Supervisor Dowd; move to amend #18, motion approved. After changes made put through contract process.

7. Approval of Extension Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances

Motion to approve by Supervisor Dowd, second by Supervisor Sweeney
Discussion: LP Tree Service: questioned how City of Janesville can decide that trees on county property need to be taken down. Supervisor Bostwick is going to look into this. Roto-Rooter is for annual maintenance

8. Educator Reports: Kathy Hetzel, Family Living Educator

Kathy distributed and explained bookmark with link to our Rock County UWEX website listing all classes for childcare professionals. We received grant for Child Care Centers to enhance gardening efforts and provided training in that area. The project is continuing this year with container gardens. Provided a book study for parents at the Beloit Public Library. She is teaching a variety of parenting classes at sites throughout the county such as the Job Center, Head Start, and Clinton Middle School. Feedback from the committee: doing a great job teaching youth to eat fresh vegetables. Try to get more publicity!

9. Update from Department: County budget preparation; County Board Presentation on June 25, 2015

Angie and Donna will keep the Committee informed as the Department budget is prepared. UW-Extension should be stable for the next 2 years. UW-Extension will be giving presentation to the full County Board on June 25th. Distributed the Community Garden Income and Department Income Report.

10. Comments from the Committee

Supervisor Wiedenfeld: concerned about the safety at the bull riding event at the Rock County Fair; should not be any 'volunteer' riders; would like John Quinn to attend next A&E Committee Meeting.

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. by Supervisor Wiedenfeld, Second by Supervisor Dowd; Motion Passed

Transcribed by Sheila JaDoul

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Duerst