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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Wednesday, February 13, 2019 UW Extension Conference Room 3506 N. Highway 51, Building A, Janesville, WI 53545

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Bostwick, Supervisor Driscoll, Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Aegerter

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Chrissy Wen, Nick Baker, Angie Flickinger, Tara Hanley, Brian Paul

Others Present:

Doug Rebout, Sue Douglas (Town of Plymouth Clerk)

- 1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- 2. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the agenda for February 13, 2019, second by Supervisor Driscoll. ADOPTED
- 3. <u>Approval of minutes from January 9, 2019:</u> Supervisor Davis moved approval of January 9, 2019 minutes, second by Supervisor Driscoll. ADOPTED
- 4. <u>Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements</u>
 Sue Douglas, Town of Plymouth Clerk, described concerns regarding the recent assessment letters sent by the Drainage Board and responsibilities of the Drainage Board. She noted that four out of the five members terms seem to have expired and questioned what the role of the Ag & Extension Committee was in regards to appointments to the Drainage Board. Discussion ensued.

Chair Bostwick and Supervisor Davis stated there will be a pancake breakfast on March 16th at the Soulful Toad in Fort Atkinson to benefit the Advanced Blackhawk Boaters.

UW-Extension:

5. <u>Discussion and Possible Action – Resolution to Amend the 2019 UW-Extension</u>
<u>Department Budget to Accept Special Project Funds from GWAAR</u>
Ms. Flickinger explained that she was approached by GWAAR regarding available project funds. The project funds will be used to create a StrongBodies online training and system. Ms. Flickinger suggested using some of those funds to increase the UW-Extension Administrative Assistant position for project management (currently a .4 FTE position). Chair Bostwick suggested looking into the legality of increasing the position and bring back for discussion at the next meeting.

6. Agriculture Program Update

Mr. Baker stated, as Ms. Douglas had, that four out of the five members of the Drainage Board have expired terms. He stated it was expected the Ag & Extension Committee have three recommendations for each of the vacancies. Mr. Baker stated there is also no current Drainage Board Secretary. Mr. Baker provided the most current Drainage Board handbook.

Mr. Baker provided an overview of current events in the Agriculture Program including a water hemp workshop, PAT training, tractor safety, and Nitrate Workgroup meetings.

7. Review of Payments Accepted

8. Semi Annual Training Report

Ms. Wen stated the UW-Extension office had no trainings exceeding \$1,000/person occur in the second half of 2018.

Fairgrounds:

9. Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts

Mr. Paul stated he's looking at budget items for 2020 and plans to request a new roof and repainting the bathrooms in the Craig Center. He's also looking into retiling the hallway.

Mr. Paul stated contracts are going out via email now.

At a previous committee meeting it was questioned why some of the rental security deposits were not marked as returned. Mr. Paul stated that some are held from year to year for reoccurring events that remain on good terms and in compliance.

10. Fairgrounds

Mr. Paul stated he's looking into having whole weekend rentals for \$1,000. Discussion ensued. It was suggested to put as a formal motion on a future agenda.

Mr. Paul mentioned he thought the Fairgrounds masterplan meeting held last month went well.

11. <u>Fair Board Report</u> No Fair Board Report

12. Comments from the Committee None

13. Adjournment

Supervisor Davis moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., second by Supervisor Driscoll. ADOPTED

Tara Hanley Rock County UW Extension Office Coordinator

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