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Agriculture & Education Committee
Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 7 pm
Rock County Courthouse
Courthouse Conference Center
51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Driscoll and Supervisor Sweeney

Committee Members Absent:

Supervisor Hawes

Staff Members Present:

Donna Duerst, Nick Baker, Sheila DeForest, Brian Paul

Others Present:

Jenna Elliott, Rock County 4-H Horse & Pony Committee; Randy Thompson, Fair Board President; Officer St. Michael, Rock County Sheriff's Dept.; Scott Fleming, Rock River Lab

- 1. <u>Call to Order</u>: Supervisor Bostwick called the meeting called to order at 7:13 p.m.
- 2. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>: Supervisor Driscoll moved approval of the agenda of April 12, 2017, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED
- Adoption of Minutes: Supervisor Davis moved approval of the minutes from March 8, 2017, second by Supervisor Driscoll. ADOPTED

4. Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements

- Jenna Elliott, Co-Chair of Rock County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Committee offered an apology on behalf of project committee for incident in conjunction with 4-H Tack Swap. They are concerned that there's not another venue for the Tack Swap and asked for the A&E Committee's consideration.
- 5. <u>Educator Report, Sheila DeForest FoodWlse Coordinator</u>
 Sheila DeForest shared data on the impact of Nutrition Education programming and information on the Safe & Healthy Food Pantries Project. DeForest will be leaving her position at the end of August. Other potential reductions in staff could affect community partners. A budget update & programing priorities were also shared. The Committee thanked DeForest for her service.

6. Farm Report

Baker thanked the Committee for approving the soil finisher and reported on phosphorous levels. Additional researchers are coming on board; waiting for dry weather.

7. Fair Board Report

Thompson reported planning for the 2017 Fair is progressing. Taking applications for commercial & food vendors. Most exhibits will be judged the week of the fair.

8. Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts

Paul distributed information regarding possible sale of alcohol at fairground events (not at the Fair). Current ordinance allows A&E Committee to approve the use of alcohol (beer & wine) on the fairgrounds. Paul reviewed the details. He asked for the Committee's approval to rent to groups that want to sell beer/wine in order to create more revenue. Will be on the May agenda & will ask Corporation Counsel to attend.

9. <u>Discussion and Possible Action re: use of fairgrounds for 4-H Tack Swap</u>

Supervisor Sweeney moved to submit the letter from Paul & Bostwick to the 4-H Horse & Pony Project Committee. Second by Supervisor Davis; Motion carried.

Discussion regarding possible response to the individual involved. Supervisor Sweeney moved that Paul & Bostwick write a letter to the individual involved giving him a final warning and informing him of possible consequences for the future. Motion Carried

10. Review of Payments

Reviewed

11. Review of 2016 Fourth Quarter Budget

Reviewed

12. <u>Update from Department: nEXT Generation Updates</u>

Duerst shared that Area Director Positions have been posted.

13. Comments from the Committee

None

14. Adjourn

Supervisor Davis moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., second by Supervisor Bostwick.

ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of Person Who Took the Minutes: Donna Duerst

Transcribed by: Sheila JaDoul

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