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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

UW Extension

Conference Room

3506 N. Highway 51, Building A, Janesville, WI 53545

## **Unapproved Minutes**

#### Committee Members Present:

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

# Committee Members Absent:

None

## Staff Members Present:

Nick Baker, Tara Hanley, Brian Paul, Brent Sutherland, Jon Furseth, Bruce Stone, Dave Froeber. Michael Parille

# Others Present:

Randy Thompson

- 1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- 2. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the agenda for June 12, 2019, second by Supervisor Davis. ADOPTED
- 3. Approval of minutes from May 8, 2019: Supervisor Davis moved approval of May 8, 2019 minutes, second by Supervisor Driscoll. ADOPTED
- 4. <u>Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements</u>
  Supervisor Davis announced a farm program being presented next week.

Supervisor Bostwick mentioned the Judge had made his finals picks for the Drainage Board. Supervisor Bostwick also suggested a visit to some of the drainage district areas. Nick Baker will arrange this sometime in the fall.

#### **UW-Extension:**

- 5. Review of Payments
  Accepted
- 6. <u>Dissolution of WACEC and the creation of a new entity WEXA</u>
  Mr. Baker explained the dissolution of the WACEC and creation of WEXA is a product of the transition to UW Madison.
- 7. Farm Update

Mr. Baker stated things have been planted and a Giant Ragweed Field Day is coming up on June 26<sup>th</sup>. About 20 Community Garden plots were unrented and have been planted with sweet corn to donate to ECHO. Mr. Baker commented that he may be looking for support from the Committee to secure a tractor for the farm.

## Fairgrounds:

- 8. <u>Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts</u>
  Mr. Paul reviewed the Fairgrounds bills and contracts.
- 9. Fairgrounds
  - a.) Fairgrounds Manager Position Discussion and possible action Mr. Sutherland provided the Committee documentation to support his recommendation to transition the Fairgrounds Manager position to a County Maintenance IV position. Discussion ensued. Motion by Supervisor Sweeney to transition the Fairgrounds Manager to a County Maintenance IV position beginning 1/1/2020. Second by Supervisor Driscoll. ADOPTED. Abstain by Supervisor Davis.
- 10. Fair Board Report

Mr. Thompson noted fair entries are up, vendors are secured, and entertainment is set.

11. Comments from the Committee
None

12. Adjournment

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

Tara Hanley
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