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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Wednesday, April 10, 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:

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

Others Present:

Doug Rebout

- 1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- 2. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>: Supervisor Aegerter moved approval of the agenda for April 10, 2019, second by Supervisor Driscoll. ADOPTED
- 3. <u>Approval of minutes from March 13, 2019:</u> Supervisor Driscoll moved approval of March 13, 2019 minutes, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED
- 4. <u>Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements</u>
 Ms. Wen stated the brochures on the table were for anyone interested in the workshop.

Supervisor Aegerter announced the Janesville Farmer's Market opening date of the first Saturday in May.

Supervisor Davis mentioned there is a bill in Assembly right now to allow farmers to get compensated for casings for wells.

UW-Extension:

5. Review of Payments
Accepted

6. New Hire Update

Ms. Wen announced there was a verbal acceptance offer for the Positive Youth Development Educator vacancy. Applications for the Horticulture vacancy will be accepted until next Friday.

7. Health & Wellness Programming Update

Ms. Flickinger provided the Committee with a programming update that included the Integrated Pest Management Steering Committee, Health Equity Alliance of Rock County, and Clinton's medication take-back event.

8. Farm Update

Mr. Baker stated the farm's new renter has made their first payment installation. He also stated a new tractor was delivered, seed donations received, and field days scheduled.

9. <u>Drainage Board Appointment Process – Discussion & Possible Action</u>
Chair Bostwick stated mailings were sent to town officials and applications have been gathered. They'll be screened after 4/30 and sent to the judge for selections. A thank you was expressed for Brian Knutson's efforts on getting the word out.

Fairgrounds:

7. Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts

Mr. Paul stated the rentals are full for the year. Maintenance updates include mowing and new garage doors.

8. Fairgrounds

Doug Rebout stated the Farm Bureau has gone as far as they're able to regarding the foodstand building. They have informed Brent Sutherland, Rock County Facilities Management Director, that they will not pay the estimated price of \$72,000 that they were given. Mr. Rebout stated they are waiting to hear back from Mr. Sutherland regarding next steps but will most likely rescind their offer if no progress is made within a year.

Mr. stated he met with Mr. Sutherland yesterday to discuss fairgrounds vision, goals, and mission statement.

9. <u>Fair Board Report</u> No Fair Board report.

10. <u>Comments from the Committee</u> None

11. <u>Adjournment</u> Supervisor Aegerter moved to adjourn at 7:51 p.m., second by Supervisor Davis. ADOPTED

Tara Hanley
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