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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

UW Extension

Conference Room

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

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Bostwick, Supervisor Driscoll (7:03 arrival), Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Aegerter, Supervisor Davis

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Chrissy Wen, Erin Conway, Nick Baker, Tara Hanley, Brian Paul, Brent Sutherland

Others Present:

Citizens

- 1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>: Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of the agenda for May 8, 2019, second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED
- 3. Approval of minutes from April 10, 2019: Supervisor Davis moved approval of April 10, 2019 minutes, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED
- 4. <u>Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements</u>
 Supervisor Davis announced the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony next Wednesday at the Courthouse.

UW-Extension:

- 5. Review of Payments
 Accepted
- 6. Introduction of Erin Conway, Positive Youth Development Extension Educator

Ms. Wen introduced Ms. Conway. Ms. Conway presented the committee her professional experience and programming outlook.

7. Farm Update

Mr. Baker stated there hasn't been any planting yet due to the weather. There are three confirmed field days for 2019 and a fungicide trial and twilight meeting. Mr. Baker stated he was able to fix a plumbing issue at the Community Gardens along with the help from Jason O'Connor w/RECAP and was grateful for his assistance. Mr. Baker stated he has six farmers so far ready to participate in a nitrate workgroup.

Supervisor Sweeney applauded the recent Waterhemp Workshop.

8. <u>Drainage Board Applications – Discussion & Possible Action</u>
Chair Bostwick stated it was the duty of the committee to submit recommendations to the judge to fill the expired seats on the Drainage Board.
Motion to approve the list (names below) distributed at the meeting by Supervisor Sweeney, second by Supervisor Driscoll. APPROVED

VACANCY ONE: JASON HENSCHLER BILL EHRLINGER JIM REILLY

VACANCY TWO: ERIC KOMPROOD KEN LUETY GEORGAN HUNT

VACANCY THREE: PHILIP O'LEARY NATHAN WOODMAN PHILIP JOHNSON

VACANCY FOUR: NICK VINEY JAMES WILKIE MARVIN VIKE

Fairgrounds:

9. Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts

Mr. Paul highlighted the most recent fairgrounds maintenance (garage doors, plumbing, landscaping). Discussion ensued regarding plan for blacktop. Mr. Sutherland stated the focus will be on improving drainage and patching to improve safety.

Discussion ensued regarding fairgrounds rental cancellation policy/wait list.

10. Fairgrounds

Mr. Sutherland stated the Farm Bureau food stand is back to the original plan of the Farm Bureau building it and donating to the County for shared use. Mr.

Sutherland stated this will tie in with the Master Plan and blacktop/drainage improvements.

11. Fair Board Report

Mr. Paul stated the fair is 70 days away and the entertainment line-up has been announced.

12. Discussion on Fairgrounds Manager Position

Mr. Sutherland provided the committee with the current fairgrounds maintenance contract and stated it expires at the end of this year. He is exploring making this a county position and provided the committee with a job description. This will be placed on the next committee agenda as an action item.

The committee was provided a time log of how Mr. Paul divides his time at the fairgrounds. Discussion ensued.

13. Comments from the Committee

None

14. Adjournment

Supervisor Davis moved to adjourn at 8:08 p.m., second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED

Tara Hanley

Rock County UW Extension Office Coordinator

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