

MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, MAY 12, 2010
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Center
Rock County Courthouse
JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

1. **Call to Order:**

The meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Richard Bostwick at 7:00 p.m.
Committee members present: Supervisors Arnold, Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Combs, Supervisor Sweeney and Supervisor Wiedenfeld.
Supervisor absent: None
Staff present: Randy Thompson and Angela Flickinger.
Also Present: Robert Arndt, President, Rock County 4-H Fair Board.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Arnold moved to approve the agenda as printed, seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes of April 14th, 2010:** Supervisor Arnold moved to approve the minutes of April 14th as printed and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.

4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None

5. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:**

- a. **Fair Association Report.** Robert Arndt, President, Fair Association, reported that plans are progressing for the 2010 Rock County 4-H Fair. Arndt indicated that the Fair Association is interested in renovating the Old Secretary's Office which has been converted into the Fair Museum. The remodel would include replacing the foundation front steps and siding. Cost would be paid by the Fair Association.

The Ag Committee expressed their support for the project and thanked the Fair Association for it's financial commitment.

- b. **Approval of 4-H Fairgrounds Rental Contracts.** Thompson presented two rentals for committee approval. They included Hufcor Company Picnic – Saturday, August 28th (proposed fee \$360); and Wisconsin Satin Rabbit Breeders – November 28th (proposed fee \$260 plus \$60 heat surcharge). A motion was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Arnold to approve the contracts. Motion carried.

6. **Approval of Extension Bills and Transfers:** Thompson reviewed the UW-Extension bills. A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.

7. **Agent Report:** Angela Flickinger, Family Living Educator presented an update on Educational Programming. Flickinger was recognized by the Family Living Program Areas for innovative program with Childcare Providers. Flickinger has

also received a \$6,000 grant for the Healthy Heart Program. The program is a natural Research Pilot Program for the prevention of Heart Disease.

8. **Annual WACEC State Conference:** The annual statewide WACEC Conference is scheduled for June 22-23 in Milwaukee. Supervisor Wiedenfeld indicated an interest in attending the two day conference.
9. **Update on Alice in Dairyland Event** – Rock County will host the upcoming Alice In Dairyland event on May 20-22nd. The program will feature tours of local agribusinesses including Kahn International, Brodhead, Larson Acres, Evansville, Kerry Ingredients, Beloit and Arndt Farms, Janesville. The finale event will be held at the Pontiac Center in Janesville and is expected to draw a crowd of 450 people. Thompson encouraged committee members to consider attending the finale event to support Rock County Agriculture.
10. **Department Update:** Thompson reported that the .4 FTE support staff position has been filled. The new member of the team will start on May 17th. In addition, a seasonal support staff has been hired. Heider will work on a limited basis averaging two days per month.
11. **Scheduling June Committee Meeting:** The June Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9th. The committee agreed to meet at the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds starting at 6:30 p.m.
12. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Combs to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/Randy Thompson, UW
Extension Office Chair