

Rock County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, November 12, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Room
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville WI

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Bostwick, Dowd, Richard, Sweeney and Wiedenfeld

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Donna Duerst, Angela Flickinger, Christy Marsden, Randy Thompson

Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order

The November 12, 2014, meeting of the Rock County Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Bostwick at 7:13 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Sweeney, seconded by Richard; motion carried.

3. Approval of October 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Wiedenfeld, seconded by Dowd, no changes, additions or deletions; motion carried.

4. Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements

None

5. Fair Board Report – John Quinn had called to say he would not be there and nothing to report.

6. 4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts

Thompson reviewed contracts; no charge for use of Craig Center for Children's Christmas Benefit. Also reviewed non-paying dates. Motion to approve by Sweeney, seconded by Wiedenfeld; motion carried.

Contracts earned just under \$20,000 for rentals for 2014.

Thompson discussed storing 16 tractors and mowers at the Fairgrounds for no charge for Department of Public Works.

Thompson said he will have the documents ready to review the Fairgrounds Policy & Procedures at the December 10th meeting. Discussion regarding going to keyless entry system for fairgrounds; possibly put in budget for next year.

7. Approval of Extension Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances

Motion to approve by Sweeney, seconded by Richard

Board of Regents is payment for Educator's Salaries & Benefits. \$1 is for the new tractor. Committee would like a listing of incoming funds each month. Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Dowd, motion carried.

8. Educator Reports: Christy Marsden, Horticulture Educator

Christy is applying for a USDA/NIFA grant with Sheila DeForest to provide additional SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program) funds for Janesville & Beloit Farmer's Markets. They are working with the Beloit Health Department on matching of funds. Sherry Oja will administer funds for the County if the grant is received. Marsden & DeForest have discussed other possible in-kind matches. Committee is supportive of the grant and in-kind match of other potential funds.

9. Update from Department

- UW-Extension Digital First Project – discussed new hardware requested through UW-EX as well as staff support and training. All Educators and Support Staff will need to develop new skills to implement new technology.

10. Comments from the Committee

None

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Dowd, seconded by Richard; motion carried.
Meeting ended at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Notes taken by Donna Duerst
Transcribed by Sheila JaDouL