

**Minutes**  
**Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee**  
**Wednesday, January 9, 2013**  
**Rm. 250, Rock County Courthouse**  
**Janesville, WI**

**Unapproved**

1. **Call to Order:** The January 9, 2013 meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Bostwick at 7:08 p.m.

**Committee members present:** Supervisors Bostwick, Sweeney and Wiedenfeld.

**Committee members absent:** Supervisors Arnold and Sanders.

**Staff present:** Jim Stute, Gena McGuigan, Angela Flickinger

**Also present:** Randy Thompson, Rob McConnell, President, Rock County 4-H Fair Board

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Request to amend the agenda and move item #8 up to item #5. Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Sweeney, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of December 12, 2012 were reviewed. Motion to approve as written by Wiedenfeld, second by Sweeney, motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None.
5. **Educator report - Angela Flickinger, WNEP report:** Flickinger presented the FY12 figures for EFNEP and SNAP Ed programs. Flickinger reported that our home visitors can no longer provide parenting education, as the Parenting Grant funding has ended. There will be a 26% cut to the FY13 SNAP Ed funding. At this point, no one is sure exactly how that 26% cut will affect programming.
6. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:**

**A. Fair Association Report:** Rob McConnell reported that the Statewide Fair Convention was recently held at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. On-line entry for projects at the State Fair level is currently in the works and the Fair Board is looking at that option here. The Board recently met with SWAG and has decided to keep moving forward with the group if they are successful developing facilities in Evansville. A company out of Atlanta will be conducting a feasibility study on fundraising efforts. Currently, there is a \$20 million gap between assets and projected costs.

**B. Approval of Fairgrounds Rental Contracts:** Randy Thompson presented the most recent contracts for 2013 fairgrounds rentals:

March 29<sup>th</sup> Club Barrow Sale—Dan Yates, Sale Arena Fee: \$400

April 6<sup>th</sup> Club Barrow Sale—Warren Loofboro, Sale Arena Fee: \$400

April 7<sup>th</sup> Club Barrow Sale--- Curt Watson, Sale Arena Fee: \$400

April 27<sup>th</sup> Mega Sale--- Paige Fischer, Craig Center Fee: \$400

May 11<sup>th</sup> Motor Cycle Safety Event—Curtis Pierce, Craig Center Fee: \$290

May 20<sup>th</sup> George Cardin Circus, Craig Center/Grandstand Fee: \$1200

May 31<sup>st</sup> Rock County Cancer Coalition, Craig Center Fee: \$290

June 12<sup>th</sup> Rock County Porkfest, Fairgrounds/Craig Fee: \$275

June 22<sup>nd</sup> YWCA Event—Jeff Biehls, Craig Center Fee: \$290

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Relay for Life Cancer Coalition, Craig/Fairgrounds Fee: \$290  
September 7<sup>th</sup> Rock Prairie MG Fall Garden Festival, Craig Center Fee: \$290  
September 14<sup>th</sup> John Morton Family—Wedding Reception, Craig Center Fee: \$400 plus \$50 Temp.  
Liquor Permit  
September 14<sup>th</sup> Rock Valley Wood Carvers, Blackhawk Building Fee: \$290  
October 12<sup>th</sup> Methodist Church Craft Fair—Deb Reese, Craig Center Fee: \$290  
Motion to approve the contracts by Sweeney, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.

7. **Approval of Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Stute reviewed the departmental bills. Motion to approve by Wiedenfeld, second by Sweeney, motion carried.
8. **Semi-annual Conference Report:** Stute said that per Rock County Resolution 06-9A-087 (Semi-annual report - attendance at conventions/conferences), Rock County UW-Extension has no instances exceeding this amount for the period July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.
9. **Department Updates:** Stute reported that the WNEP position has been re-opened due to the fact that no qualified applicants applied during the first posting. Preliminary interviews will be February 14<sup>th</sup> in Madison, and final interviews will be February 25<sup>th</sup> in Janesville. Stute reported that he had just received email notification yesterday of the 26% budget cut for SNAP Ed. Stute stated that open positions should cover the budget cut. Stute has been invited to attend a Courthouse Security meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be discussing after-hours use of the Courthouse.
10. **Comments from the Committee:** Larry was surprised that there were no qualified candidates for the WNEP position.
11. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Wiedenfeld, second by Sweeney, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gena McGuigan