

**Minutes**  
**Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee**  
**Wednesday, September 12, 2012**  
**Rm. 250, Rock County Courthouse**  
**Janesville, WI**

**Unapproved**

1. **Call to Order:** The September 12, 2012 meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Eva Arnold at 7:00 p.m.

**Committee members Present:** Supervisors Arnold, Bostwick, Sweeney and Wiedenfeld.

**Committee members Absent:** Supervisor Sanders.

**Staff Present:** Jim Stute and Randy Thompson.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Sweeney, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of August 8 11, 2012 were reviewed. Motion to approve as written by Wiedenfeld, second by Sweeney, motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None.

Supervisor Bostwick assumed the Chair role.

5. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:** Thompson presented the following contracts: American Jersey Cattle Club- Jersey Cattle Sale, Sept. 30- Oct. 6, \$2660; River Hills Community Church- Square Dance Event, Oct. 28, \$290; Sue Buck- All Breed Cat Show, Nov. 3, \$290 + \$65 heat surcharge; Badger State Auction- Bob Johnson, Nov. 11, \$400 + \$65 heat surcharge; Bob Pucci- Military Collectors Show, Dec. 21-22, \$800 + \$130 heat surcharge. Motion to approve by Sweeney, second by Arnold, motion carried.

Thompson provided a brief report on the Fair. Using chairs on the infield for the Josh Turner show worked well to increase overall seating capacity. An estimated 1,000 chairs were used. The Grandstand has a rated seating capacity of 2,500 but the Janesville Fire Department estimates true capacity at 2,200.

6. **Approval of Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Stute reviewed the department bills and an amendment to a preapproved encumbrance for Manpower Inc. Motion to approve as presented by Sweeney, second by Arnold, motion carried.
7. **Educator Report:** none
8. **Rock County Farm Lease Update:** Stute reported that Corporation Council modified section 10: "Early Termination of Lease Due to Sale or Alternative County Use/Reduction in Acres" to include more specific language for withdrawing a portion of the form from the lease for future projects. The lease RFP should go out on bid in mid-September.

- 9. Report from District 2 WACEC Summer Meeting:** Wiedenfeld reported on the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on the campus of UW- Richland Center. Chancellor Cross discussed UW-Extensions potential role in non-traditional economic development for rural Wisconsin, citing local bioenergy processing as an example. Dean Klemme gave an update on the State and Federal funding situation, noting that many counties are pushing to have vacancies refilled. Staff from UW Richland Center and Richland County UW-Extension presented several examples of collaborations and cross program educational efforts. The consensus of the group was that co-location of UWEX on campus enhances educational efforts by capturing synergies between the two organizations. The group toured Oakwood Orchard in the afternoon.
- 10. Department Update:** Stute provided a budget update. The departments levy request is \$293,616, 3.3 % or \$9,355 less than 2012. Staffing changes are primarily responsible for the decrease. The fairgrounds as a zero levy request and the farm contributes to the general fund. The budgets were reviewed by administration on August 30. Thompson will continue as fairgrounds manager in 2013.
- 11. Comments from the Committee:** None
- 12. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Arnold, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James K. Stute