

Minutes
Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, February 8, 2012
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Room
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville, WI

Unapproved

1. **Call to Order:** The February 8, 2012 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, Bostwick, Combs, Sweeney and Wiedenfeld.

Staff Present: Randy Thompson, Jim Stute

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Sweeney, second by Combs, motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of January 11, 2012 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Wiedenfeld, second by Arnold, motion carried.

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

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

A. 4-H Fair Association Report: Thompson reported on behalf of the Association. The 2012 entertainment lineup has been announced, separate tickets will be sold for the Josh Turner event. The association is working with the Janesville Fire Department (JFD) to determine alleyway configurations and dimensions for infield seating. The Grandstand seating capacity is rated at 2,500, the JFD estimates it's really 2,000.

B. Discussion of Janesville Leadership Academy Community Service Project: The group is committed to doing a service project at the fairgrounds and wants to build a new main entrance gate. Thompson shared drawings of two options they are considering which are out on bid. The group is planning a fundraiser which will pay a portion of the cost, the balance to be paid by the Fair board and the capital improvement budget.

C. Approval of Rental Contracts: 4/6, Dan Yates Club Barrow Sale, Sales Arena, \$400. Motion to approve by Sweeney, second by Combs, motion carried.

6. **Approval of Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Stute reviewed the department bills. Motion to approve as presented by Sweeney, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.
7. **Agent Report:** Stute gave a brief report on his winter educational programming which includes a mix of routine classes and invited talks. His presentation at Lakeshore Technical Colleges "Progressive Operators Seminar" used research data from the Rock County Farm and resulted in an invitation to write two articles for Hoards Dairyman. The Youth Tractor Safety Certification Course will be offered in 2012.

- 8. Department Staffing Updates:** Stute reported that the 4-H Club Advisor position has been posted with a closing date of February 21. Interviews for the Administrative Assistant position will be held on February 24.
- 9. Educator Performance Reviews:** Reviews, conducted with Matt Hanson, UW-Extension Southern Region Director will be held on March 14 at 4:00 p.m.
- 10. County Farm Land Use Policy:** Stute presented a draft set of guidelines for use of County Farm property by the RECAP Garden Program. After discussion, the committee agreed they were appropriate and instructed Stute to invite Sheriff Spoden and Sgt. Harding to the March Committee meeting to discuss them.
- 11. Comments from the Committee:** None
- 12. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Arnold, second by Bostwick, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James K. Stute