

Minutes
Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, May 11, 2011
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Center
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville, WI

- 1. Call to Order:** The May 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: Supervisor Arnold, Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Combs, Supervisor Sweeney, and Supervisor Wiedenfeld.

Staff Present: Randy Thompson, Department Head. Bob Arndt, Fair Association President, Jon Quinn, Fair Board and Joe Van Haefner, Rock County Historical Society.

- 2. Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda as printed was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Arnold the agenda with the deletion of item 8 – Agent Report. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of April 13th, 2011:** The minutes of April 13th minutes were approved as printed on a motion by Supervisor Arnold, second by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.
- 4. Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None.
- 5. Discussion and Approval of Francis Willard School Addition and Installation of Flag Pole:** Joe Van Haefner, Rock County Historical Society, requested the installation of a flag pole which was donated to the Historical Society. The pole originally was erected at the Francis Willard School. The flag pole is 28 ft high and would be located near the Francis Willard School at the Fairgrounds. A motion to approve erecting the flag pole contingent on approval by the Fair Board, was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.

Mr. Haefner indicated that he didn't have plans available for the construction of a new deck on the school house. He would share those plans and proposal at a later date.

- 6. 4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts**
 - A. Fair Association Report:** Bob Arndt, President, Rock County 4-H Fair Association, provided an update on planning for the 2011 Rock County 4-H Fair. The Fair Association will be re-roofing the Secretary's Office. In addition, Arndt indicated that the Association is cost sharing improvements to the beef barn electrical project. He expressed his appreciation to the Ag Committee and County Board for its ongoing support of the fairgrounds.
 - B. Fairgrounds Rental Contracts:** Randy Thompson indicated that there were no contracts for committee approval.
- 7. Approval of Extension Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Randy Thompson reviewed the department bills. A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.
- 8. Approval of Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds Mutual Working Agreement:** Thompson presented the Mutual Working Agreement between the County and Fair Association. The contract

is consistent with past year's conditions. A motion to approve the contract with the Fair Association was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.

- 9. Update on UW Extension Office Relocation:** Thompson reported on recent discussions concerning the possible relocation of the Extension Office. The issue is on hold pending a discussion by the Farm Service Agency on future location of its office.
- 10. Department Update:** Thompson gave a brief update including the future staffing given the upcoming retirements of Linda Marshall and Sue Fredrich. Thompson reported that there are several ongoing discussions with the State on Future Staffing. Additional information on Youth Development Staffing will be discussed at the June meeting.
- 11. Comments from the Committee – none.**
- 12. Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/Randy Thompson