

MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 16th, 2011
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Center
Rock County Courthouse
JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

1. **Call to Order:**

The meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Richard Bostwick at 5:00 p.m.
Committee members present: Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Arnold, Supervisor Combs, Supervisor Sweeney and Supervisor Wiedenfeld.
Staff present: Randy Thompson, Rock Co UWEX, Jim Stute, Crops and Soils Educator, Horticulture Educator.
Others Present: Richard Pederson, Southern District UWEX Director, Craig O'Leary, Fair Association Representative.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes of February 9th, 2011:** A motion to approve the minutes of February 9th, 2011 was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** Thompson provided the committee with the area map of the proposed site and footprint for the new Rock Haven Complex. Approximately 18 acres will be taken out of ag production. Thompson has informed the County Farm crop Land tenant that a tentative construction start is anticipated in late August. The 18 acres will be eliminated from the 2011 Cropland Lease.
5. **Approval of Extension Bills/Transfers:** Randy Thompson presented the monthly department bills for review. A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Supervisor Sweeney and second by Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.
6. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:**

Craig O'Leary, 4-H Fair Association representative provided a brief update. The 4-H Fair Board has approved the purchase of a skid-loader for the 4-H Fairgrounds. The skid loader will be available for use by 4-H Fair Maintenance Staff throughout the year. Plans are progressing for the 2011 Rock County 4-H Fair. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the 4-H Choir, *Heatwave*. Special events are planned to recognize this milestone. O'Leary thanked the committee for its continued support and partnership in making the Fairgrounds one of the Premier Park sites in the county.

Thompson presented the following rental contracts for committee approval: The contracts included: April 12th – George Auction Service Estate Sale (proposed fee \$345.00); April 18th – Badger State Auction (proposed fee \$345); August 18th – Rock County Beef Cookout (proposed fee \$260); August 13 - Mercy System Employee Picnic (proposed fee \$380); and November 5th – Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Fall Show and Sale (proposed fee \$275). A motion to approve the rental contracts and fees was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.

7. **WACEC Conference Planning:** Thompson discussed the upcoming WACEC Conference on March 29th in Madison. Thompson has scheduled legislative visits during the afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with members of Rock County's delegation. Thompson provided committee members with the conference agenda.

8. **5:25 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION PER WISCONSIN STATUTES 1985(1) (c)** Performance Reviews of Agent Staff with UW Extension District Director and County Department Head.

A motion was made by Supervisor Arnold and second by Supervisor Wiedenfeld to enter into closed session. Roll call vote – Bostwick – Aye, Arnold – Aye, Combs – Aye, Sweeney – Aye and Wiedenfeld – Aye.

A motion was made to go back into open session by Supervisor Arnold and second by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.

9. **Comments from the Committee – None.**

10. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Arnold and second by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/Randy Thompson, UW
Extension Office Chair