

Minutes
Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, December 8th, 2010
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Center
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville, WI

1. **Call to Order:** The December 8th 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, Supervisor Wiedenfeld.

Staff Present: Randy Thompson, Department Head and Sally Reisem, Americor Vista Worker.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** (November 10, 2010) Minutes of November 10, 2010 were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Supervisor Arnold. Seconded by Supervisor Bostwick. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None.
5. **Approval of Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Randy Thompson reviewed the Extension bills as presented. Supervisor Combs moved to approve the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.
6. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:**

A. Report from Fair Association Representative: No report .

B. Approval of 4-H Fairgrounds Contracts: Thompson presented numerous contracts for the committee to approve. Contracts presented included the following: April 2, 2011 – Club Barrow Sale (Warren Loofboro) (proposed fee of \$380); April 3, 2011 – Club Barrow Sale – Curt Watson (proposed fee of \$380); April 9th – Paige Fisher Flee Market (proposed fee of \$380); April 17 – WI Sheep Breeders Spring Sale and Show (proposed fee of \$275); May 1st – LaLeche League Event – B Thompson (proposed fee \$275); May 15th-17th – Rock River Quilters Show (proposed fee \$1,000); August 27th – National Hereford Swine Association Sale (proposed fee of \$275).

A motion to approve the 4-H Fairgrounds rental contracts and proposed fees was made by Supervisor Combs. Motion seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Motion carried.

C. Capital Improvement Update: Thompson reported the work on installing the water lines on the south end of the grounds has been completed. Installation of hydrants will be completed in the spring. Fox Construction also completed the demolition of the west bathroom building. Rock County Pork Producers have removed the old wood pens from the Swine Barn. The new pens have been ordered with delivery scheduled for February 2011. Replacement pens totaling \$40,000 are being paid for by the Rock County Pork Producers and 4-H Fair Association. Installation is scheduled for May 2011. Repairs to

the Blackhawk Building roof have been completed by J.T. Roofing. There is no cost to the county for the repairs.

7. Agent Report – Sally Reisem – Americor Vista Worker

Sally Reisem is completing her 2nd year in Rock County. Reisem is funded 100% through the Americor's Vista Program. She has been involved in expanding afterschool programs throughout Rock County including school programs in Beloit, Janesville, and Evansville. Thompson indicated that through Reisem's excellent programs, Extension has been able to expand non-traditional youth programs. We recently have been informed that Reisem's position will be funded for 2011.

8. Discussion and Scheduling of Interviews for Family Living Educator backfill position:

Thompson reported that the application deadline for the .4 FTE position closed on November 30th. Preliminary interviews have been scheduled in Madison on December 21, 2010. Final interviews will be held with the Ag Committee in January. Thompson proposed interviews be held with on Wednesday, January 5th, 2011. Supervisor Bostwick requested that the interviews be held after 2:00 p.m. Thompson indicated that 2-3 candidates would be invited to the final interviews which would likely last 2 ½ hours.

9. Annual WACEC Conference – The annual statewide WACEC Conference will be held in Madison on March 28-30, 2011. Thompson asked the committee members to reserve the dates. The conference will include legislative visits on March 29th. Additional conference information and details will be available in January.

10. Comments from the Committee: None.

11. Adjourn: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/Randy Thompson