

MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 14, 2009
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 7:08 p.m.

Committee members present: Supervisors Bostwick, Supervisor Combs, Supervisor Sweeney, and Supervisor Wiedenfeld.

Committee members absent: Supervisor Arnold

Staff present: Randy Thompson, Rock County U W Extension Office Chair

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Thompson informed the Committee that there would be no Agent Reports this evening. A motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of item 6- Agents Reports was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.
3. **Minutes of December 10, 2008:** Minutes from the December 10th meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None
5. **Approval of Extension Bills and Transfers:** Randy Thompson reviewed the UWEX bills and answered committee questions. Supervisor Wiedenfeld made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor. Motion carried.
6. **Appointment of UW Extension Department Head:** Randy Thompson shared communications from Richard Pederson, Southern District Director for UW Extension. Pederson is recommending that Thompson be appointed Department Head for 2009. The final decision however lies with the Ag and Extension committee. A motion was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld to appoint Thompson as Department Head for 2009. Motion carried.
7. **Discussion of Upcoming Land Preservation Educational Workshop:** The Workshop for Protecting Working Lands is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th, at the Pontiac Convention Center, Janesville. The program will feature Bob Wagner from the American Farmland Trust along with numerous other speakers. Program is now open to the general public and will focus on Land Use tools including the Purchase of Development Rights Program (PDR) and use of Conservation Easements. Flyers were distributed and committee members were encouraged to attend.
8. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:** Thompson presented fairgrounds rental contracts for approval. Contracts included the following: January 27-28 – Parker High School Cheerleading Camp (Proposed fee of \$110.00 to cover heat surcharge); March 14th – Paige Komar Craft Sale – (proposed fee of \$340 +\$55 heat surcharge); March 21st - Paul George Auction

Service – Barrow Sale (proposed fee \$340); March 2nd – Great Northern Barrow Sale – Paul George (proposed \$340); May 2nd – GT Promotions Motorcycle Swap Meet (proposed fee \$680); May 15th -18th – Rock River Quilters Guild Event (proposed fee \$1300). A motion was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld to approve the contracts and proposal fees. Motion carried.

9. **Discussion of 2009 4-H Fairgrounds Capital Improvement Projects:** Thompson discussed potential capital improvement projects for 2009. Priority will be given to the repair and replacement of building roofs. The committee will further discuss capital improvement projects at its February meeting.
10. **Comments from the Committee:** Chair Bostwick reminded members that a joint meeting between Ag/Land Conservation Committee and the Public Works Committee will be held on Monday, January 19th, 6 pm. Discussion will involve the future use of the \$1.8 million ATC funds.
11. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/Randy Thompson, Office Chair