



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairman, Joanne Guden, at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Joanne Guden, Chairman  
Patti Garro  
Katie Mehn  
David Richter  
Bob Schweder

Staff Present: Jay Dampier  
Kathy Ninneman  
Kim Zills

Staff Absent: John de Montmollin  
Katie Gellings  
Amanda Miller

Others Present: Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman; Rich Swanke, Pullers Inc.; Clairellyn Sommersmith, Princeton Public Library; and Tony Daly, reporter for Berlin Journal newspapers.

#### **AGENDA**

***Motion/second (Garro/Richter)*** to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

#### **MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Richter/Garro)*** to approve the March 7, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – None.

#### **COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT – CLAIRELLYN SOMMERSMITH & TEDDY**

Submitted monthly reports on file. Sommersmith also highlighted some points from the libraries.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Will Andresen, Interim North Central Region Director, to accept Nav Ghimire's resignation as Agriculture Agent for Green Lake County as of April 5, 2017.

Zills had the following correspondence to report:

- United Cooperative – Donation for Sound System
- ThedaCare – Donation for handwashing stations
- Kwik Trip – Donation for Children's program
- A & P Enterprise Shows – Plaque

#### **GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Dampier reported that the Committee drafted an updated Fairest of the Fair application. There will be a revised date added.

***Motion/second (Garro/Richter)*** to approve the application. Motion carried.

#### **2017 FAIR CONTRACTS**

- Hollywood Motorsports LLC – Demolition Derby (changed to Saturday at 2:00 p.m.)
- Temporary Services Agreement
- Sizzlin' Sonny's Rockin' Roadshow
- Cutlass Cooking Entertainment

- The Traveling Theater of Chaos
- Pulvermacher's Temporary Service Agreement

**Motion/second (Garro/Richter)** to approve the contracts as presented. Motion carried.

### **TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL UPDATES**

Swanke would like to do some improvements, as donated changes. It was suggested that he draw up some sketches to show Amy Brooks, Highway Commissioner, and then forward to Property and Insurance.

### **INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS**

Nothing.

### **EDUCATORS' SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS & RELEVANT TRAININGS, MEETINGS & PROGRAMS**

Written monthly reports on file for Dampier, de Montmollin, Gellings, and Ghimire were reviewed. Dampier gave brief verbal reports of their present programming.

### **WACEC NORTH CENTRAL**

WACEC was attended by County Board Chair, Harley Reabe, committee members, Dave Richter and Bob Schweder, along with department head, Jay Dampier.

Attendees expressed disappointment that the Dean, Cathy Sandeen, was not in attendance. Several counties are still unclear of future implications related to the nEXT Gen process. The "untentured" educators were not given a clear picture as to what their future looks like.

### **COVERAGE OF AGRICULTURE AGENT DUTIES**

Dampier said a plan is starting to take place. He had conversations with Will Andresen, North Central Regional Director and Dave Williams, Associate Program Director. Dampier will attend the May CWAS meeting. He will connect with Craig Saxe, Agriculture Agent-Juneau County, regarding the diagnosis process. Williams will also connect with surrounding counties as Winnebago for programming or Columbia County for Amish. Williams will reach out to state specialists to bring in someone for a particular program.

### **SUMMER INTERN POSITION**

Dampier explained with the budget reduction, we eliminated the Summer Intern position. But with the Ag Agent salary savings, if we could repurpose the funds and hire someone with an Ag background. **Motion/second (Richter/Mehn)** to approve the budgetary adjustment. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FOR NAV GHIMIRE**

Guden said the Committee would like to sign a resolution to recognize Ghimire for all of the years that he has served Green Lake County.

**Motion/second (Richter/Garro)** to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

### **nEXT GENERATION OF UW-EXTENSION**

Dampier reported they did hire the two Assistant Deans for the two zones (southern & northern). They are in the process of hiring the new Area Extension Directors.

### **TAP INTO IT: RESPONSES FROM GREEN LAKE COUNTY**

No new stories.

### **APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS**

**Motion/second (Schweder/Richter)**. Approved.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

The Reality Fair on April 26 is at the Berlin High School.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- nEXT Generation
- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Dampier.
- Next regular meeting date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in the Training Room at 10:00 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/second (Mehn/Schweder)*** to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted, Kathy Ninneman, Program Specialist*

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