



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION
& FAIR COMMITTEE

March 11, 2008

The meeting of the Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Hollander at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

M. Hollander, W. Williams, M. Stoddard, S. McConnell, and V. Ammentorp.

EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT

D. Slark, C. Hargrave, A. Kavanaugh, and K. Zills.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

L. DeNell

AGENDA

Motion/second (Stoddard/Ammentorp) to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Ammentorp/Williams) to approve the February 12, 2008 minutes. Motion carried. Motion/second (Ammentorp/Williams) to approve the February 19, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

DeNell reported that Kingston was having computer problems and staffing issues due to illness. Markesan staff was able to help with staffing. Berlin Library has installed a new self checkout machine and DeNell reported that it is working very well.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the educators.

Hargrave: Hargrave reported that both February and March are very busy months for her. Hargrave assisted with planning four soybean and wheat workshops in the area and attended two of them. She has taught Nutrient Management classes at the Green Lake County Courthouse and has a Heart of the Farm program for women later this week. In addition, she has been handling many questions from the public as late winter and early spring are busy seasons for agriculture.

Spaulding: Spaulding was not present.

Slark: Slark reported that Super Saturday was held on February 23, with over 47 youth attending. He commented that the presenters and helpers did an excellent job. In addition, Slark has been assisting with tractor safety training, and working with the 4-H Leader's Association and Horse Council. Slark noted that 4-H members and leaders are utilizing the county 4-H website more after he provided information and training on its use to the Leader's Association.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve out of county days for the educators: Hargrave (4):, Slark (5):, and Spaulding (4.5). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CRD EDUCATOR INTERVIEWS

Slark informed the committee that UWEX is waiting for a signed contract from Jason Kauffeld to secure his employment. His tentative start date is April 1, 2008.

UW-EXTENSION COUNTY BOARD REPORT DISCUSSION

Slark requested that committee members read small portions of the UWEX Annual Report to the county board at the next county board meeting. Discussion followed. McConnell will read for Hargrave, Ammentorp for Spaulding, Williams for Slark, and Hollander for the vacant CRD position.

BREAK

8:52 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 9:06 a.m.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2008 Fair

MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS - REVIEW

Zills asked if the committee had any revisions for the maintenance contracts originally presented at the February meeting. None were noted. Zills will forward the contracts to Jerome Jahnke and Clark Buchanan to be signed.

PRELIMINARY FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Zills reported that there are no changes to the fair schedule for the month.

2008 FAIR ENTERTAINMENT

Zills reported that she had contracts for the Starfire band and Nick's Kids Show. She also had contracts for Joe and Micky Wise, who would be sponsored by A. F. Gelhar, and for Tom Piese, who would be sponsored by CHN for the 2008 fair. Zills reported that she had a contract for A Zoo to You (petting zoo), and discussion followed regarding the zoo. Zills will purchase signage for better advertising, and will use CIP funds donated by the community to pay for the zoo.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Ammemtorp) to approve signing of the entertainment contracts presented, and the use of CIP funds to pay for the petting zoo. Motion carried.

SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

Zills reported that she is not planning on attending spring district meetings for districts one or four, due to distance. Zills can request mailed information on specific subjects if needed.

TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL - DISCUSSION

Zills informed the committee that she received an official letter from the Fox River Patriots 4-H Club officially informing the UWEX office that the club will no longer be organizing the Truck and Tractor Pull at the Green Lake County Fair. However, Richard Swanke would like to continue the pull on Thursday evening, and volunteered to speak to the committee on his plans to do so. In addition, Zills received a phone call from another party who is interested in implementing a Sunday afternoon tractor pull, utilizing antique tractors. Discussion followed, with the committee supporting both tractor pulls if they are mostly self sufficient. It was noted that Kiwanis should be the only food vender in the track area at the events, as there have been issues in the past with other vendors. Richard Swanke did not appear at the meeting, but the item will be added to the next Ag/Extension and Fair agenda after Zills speaks with Swanke.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – REPORT OF LAST MONTH'S COMMITTEE MEETING – INCLUDING Q & A

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that Potter Lawson and Samuels Group will report each month to Property & Insurance. He also informed Hargrave that the barns at the fairgrounds will be available for use

during the Holstein Breeders show this summer, which Green Lake County is hosting.

- b. Personnel Committee – Hollander reported that the committee did not meet last month due to weather. This month the committee will discuss implementing a smoke free workplace policy, and timesheets or timeclocks for county employees.
- c. Finance Committee – Ammentorp reported that the committee approved carryover funds for the 2008 budget, and that the committee discussed falling interest rates.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

Motion/second (Stoddard/McConnell) to sign vouchers. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second (Stoddard/Williams) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
Account Clerk II