



GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION  
& FAIR COMMITTEE

**November 12, 2008**

The meeting of the Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson McConnell at 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

S. McConnell, M. Schweder, M. Stoddard, T. Traxler and W. Williams

**EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT**

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

**LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT**

None

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Williams/Schweder)* to approve the October 14, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

**LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

Written report on file.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS**

Dan Berndt was present to discuss and answer questions about a commemorative rifle with the committee. Berndt owns a commemorative rifle identical to one that was offered for purchase to the Green Lake County Fair for use as a raffle fundraiser. Discussion followed regarding initial cost (\$2,795.00), potential profits and raffle procedures. Zills informed the committee that the fair would consider using profits from a raffle to repair or replace pens in the hog barn and/or expand the shooting sports 4-H project. *Motion/second (McConnell/Traxler)* to approve the purchase of a commemorative rifle for use as a fair fundraiser. A roll call vote was

taken; responses were as follows: McConnell, aye; Williams, aye; Stoddard, aye; Schweder, no; Traxler, aye. Motion carried.

Victoria Robbins was present on behalf of the Green Lake County Horse Council to request expanded use of the horse ring for horse related activities during the fair. Concerns were raised regarding fair activities possibly disturbing horses and use of the ring for other attractions. Discussion followed. The Horse Council using part of the ring and the fair using the remainder was considered a possibility. *Motion/second (Schweder, Stoddard)* to give the Horse Council permission to move ahead with plans to use the horse ring during the 2009 fair. The Horse Council will work with the UW-Extension office staff on plan details.

## CORRESPONDENCE

None

## EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the educators.

**Hargrave:** Hargrave reported that she has been working on corn and soybean research trials and with the Master Gardeners program. She is working on winter programming, along with the Seven County Team.

**Slark:** Slark reported on the 4-H Ambassadors, who are currently doing classroom and club visits. Cloverbud Day was very successful this year with over 30 children attending. Slark has completed filming for a marketing video and is working on editing with staff in Madison.

**Kauffeld:** Not present due to work related conference.

**Spaulding:** Not present due to maternity leave.

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams)* to approve out of county days for the educators: Hargrave (2), Slark (3), Kauffeld (7), and Spaulding (0). Motion carried.

## BREAK

**9:29 a.m. - Meeting reconvened at 9:34 a.m.**



## Fair Committee Discussion – 2008 Fair

## 2009 FAIR RAFFLE FUNDRAISER - DISCUSSION

Discussion continued on the rifle raffle. Zills stated that she believed she could print tickets herself and have them punched professionally.

### **10% REVENUE UPDATE - DISCUSSION**

Written report on file. The committee noted that revenue from the truck and tractor pull organized by Rich Swanke had not been received. Two notices have been sent. *Motion/second (McConnell, Traxler)* directing Zills to contact John Selsing regarding collection of 10% revenue owed by Rich Swanke.

### **FAIR CONVENTION REGISTRATION**

Zills informed the committee that the deadline to register for the next fair convention is November 28, 2008. The convention will be held in WI Dells from January 12-14, 2008. Zills will contact committee members when she receives an itinerary.

### **2009 FAIR ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACT - APPROVAL**

Zills presented a two year contract (2009-2010) from A&P Enterprise Shows. Discussion followed, with agreement that working with A&P has been a positive experience for the fair. *Motion/second (Traxler, Williams)* to approve signing of a new two year contract with A&P Enterprise Shows.

### **DISTRICT FAIR MEETING - DISCUSSION**

McConnell referred the committee to the written notes she prepared after attending the District Fair Meeting. Future needs and the possibility of a fair foundation were discussed. Zills noted that the fair hopes begin a recycling program this year.

### **CIP MAILING LIST**

Zills gave the committee copies of the newest Community Involvement Program (CIP) letters and brochures. She asked committee members to look at the materials and inform her of any corrections or additions at the December committee meeting.

### **FAIR BLEACHERS**

Zills informed the committee that bleacher inspection is included in the contracts with Jerome Jahnke and Clark Buchannan.

### **KIWANIS FOOD STAND**

Zills read minutes from past meetings regarding how the Markesan Kiwanis came to have a booth near the track at the fairgrounds. Although Kiwanis has no formal agreement with the county, the Property and Insurance Committee gave permission in 2002 for Kiwanis to use existing materials to build the booth. Traxler suggested formally informing Markesan Kiwanis that the county has the final say regarding use of the booth. Zills will consult John Selsing on the issue.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the new maintenance supervisor is performing well.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that Brenda Keller will be visiting all departments to create updated job descriptions.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that the budget is tight. Kauffeld is assisting with an energy grant.

Schweder left the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

**VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR**

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler)* to sign vouchers. Motion carried.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second (Traxler/Williams)* to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh  
Account Clerk