

Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education & Fair Committee
MINUTES
February 13, 2007

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, February 13, 2007, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Members Present: M. Hollander, W. Williams and M. Stoddard, V. Ammentorp. S. McConnell arrived at 8:35 a.m.

Agents/Staff Present: J. Hoffman, C. Heiman, M. Haak, D. Slark, K. Zills and A. Leppin.

Library Services Represented by: Hazlewood.

Others Present: Belinda Fox and Jerry Paulis.

M/S(Stoddard/Williams) to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

M/S(Stoddard/Williams) to approve the January 8, 2006 minutes. Motion carried.

Library Services Report: Written report is on file. The quilt display is still on display at the Markesan Library. Heiman will be hosting a program at the Berlin Library on March 10th about tree diseases.

Library Plan Resolution: **M/S(Stoddard/Ammentorp)** to sign amended resolution and send on to Finance and County Board. Motion carried.

Public Appearances/Comments: None.

Correspondence: None.

Educator Reports: Written reports are on file.

Hoffman: Continuing to work with the Berlin Economic Development Corporation with downtown improvements. Hoffman was congratulated on passing his second committee review on his tenure track, and has been recommended for promotion.

Slark: Shared Super Saturday information, to be held March 3, with committee. He continues to work with certifying new 4-H leaders, and will be teaching a session at the next Tri-County Leadership Initiative's Educational Day.

Haak: Reported that 25 people have signed up to assist with the Poverty Simulation program. The next cooking class will be held on Wednesday, February 14, and there are eight people registered. Haak continues to work with Michelle Tidemann on the changes in the nutrition program. She is also facilitating a WisLine on February 20.

Heiman: Reported that she has been busy with the many programs that have been planned over these winter months for farmers. The next group of Master Gardeners has started, and she continues to work with the planning of Focus on the Farm to be held at the Bob and Ron Bahn farm in Berlin.

M/S(Stoddard/Ammentorp) to approve out-of-county dates for the educators: Heiman: 7; Hoffman: 6; and Haak: 5.5. Motion carried.

M/S(Stoddard/McConnell) to approve requested UW-Extension Carryover Funds and send on to Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Break: 9:00 a.m. Meeting Resumed at 9:07 a.m.

Fair Committee Discussion – 2006 Fair:

10% Revenue Update: Zills reported that all monies have been collected and she has received the final check from the last vendor from last year's fair.

Annual Report: M/S(Ammentorp/Williams) to accept and sign the Annual Report. Motion carried. Zills was complimented on the great job she did with the report.

Public Appearances: Jerry Paulis: Mr. Paulis addressed the committee proposing a 3-year contract with Action Auto Promotions beginning in 2008. The fair cost would be \$100 more per year, and he will then return \$1,000 back to the fair. Discussion held. He invited everyone to check out his website for more information. **M/S(Ammentorp/Stoddard)** to sign the proposed 3-year contract with Action Auto Promotions. Motion carried.

Changes to Fairbook: Belinda Fox addressed the committee proposing adding a department under Cultural Arts in the Fairbook for Special Needs exhibitors. She stated the proposed addition is modeled after the Wood County Special Needs department, which has been in place for several years. **M/S(McConnell/Ammentorp)** to approve the recommendation as a pilot project this year under Dept. 18, Junior Division, Cultural Arts. The exhibitors would not be required to do face-to-face judging. Motion carried

M/S(Ammentorp/McConnell) to approve the proposed changes under Department 17, Non 4-H Cloverbuds as proposed by Zills. Motion carried.

Deadline for Changes (2008): Committee approved deadline for getting fairbook changes to Zills by November 30th.

Department Dedication: Memorial money has been donated in memory of Marion Mace for the fair.

Maintenance Contracts: Zills presented the maintenance contracts for Buchanan and Jahnke, with the same wording as last year, and that compensation was not to exceed 2005 expenses. The committee would like the terminology of the document clarified and bring the contract back to the next meeting for review.

Prize Giveaway: Zills has been in contact with the carnival and they are willing to co-sponsor the fair giveaway again. They are proposing a DVD, Play Station II, and/or an I-Pod. Costs would range from \$92-\$119. Discussion held. Zills will research these items to find out what would be the best to use for the giveaway and return with her recommendations.

Contracts: M/S(Ammentorp/Williams) to approve the Calamity Jane Show for \$350 and the use of cap guns. Motion carried. Zills presented the Game Show America program for committee approval for Saturday night entertainment at the Fair.

After discussion, **M/S(McConnell/Ammentorp)** to offer a contract to Game Show America and try to get the cost of the 2 hour program reduced. Motion carried.

Fair Carryover Letter: M/S(McConnell/Ammentorp) to approve proposed Fair Carryover and send on to Finance Committee. Motion carried

M/S(Ammentorp/McConnell) to approve and send on to Finance the purchase of a new sound system and microphones. Motion carried.

Livestock Scale Purchase: Heiman reported that the Livestock Committee has proposed the purchase of a new beef weigh-in scale. Total cost would be approximately \$1,500. They will make the scale more portable, and try and sell the old scale. The fair is being asked to split the cost of the new scale using CIP funds. This item will be put on next month's agenda.

Luedke Sign Repair: Heiman has talked with the Luedke family and they gave approval to move the memorial sign into the Dairy Barn.

Committee Discussion:

Property & Insurance Committee: Potter Lawson will give their findings at the next County Board meeting on Tuesday night.

Personnel Committee: Discussion on contracts and new hires.

Finance Committee: Reviewed the proposed Library Plan.

M/S(McConnell/Stoddard) to approve payment of Ag/Extension and Fair Vouchers. Motion carried,

Next meeting: March 13, 8:30 a.m., Green Lake Co. Demonstration Room.

M/S(Stoddard/McConnell) to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried.

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