



GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION  
& FAIR COMMITTEE

**March 10, 2009**

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 Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 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, J. Kauffeld, D. Slark, M. Spaulding and K. Zills

**GUESTS PRESENT**

None

**LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT**

L. DeNell, V. Duhr

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Schweder/Williams) to approve the February 10, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.*

**LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

Written report on file. DeNell informed the committee that the Green Lake library is hosting a display by a Mystery Artist of the Month, who offered a monetary donation to the library if anyone can guess who the artist is. Duhr hoped for a good turnout at the American Legion breakfast at the Princeton library on Sunday, March 15.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS**

Sherriff Mark Podoll was present to comment on and to answer questions related to malt liquor sales at the fair. Podoll stated that he was personally neutral on the

issue. He did feel that if alcohol was to be served at the fairgrounds, a stronger police presence would be a requirement. He also stated that the organization responsible for the sales would have the responsibility of checking identification and doing everything possible to ensure that alcohol stayed in designated areas. Podoll would also like to be involved in the planning process, specifically fencing plans and the identification checking plan.

Roy Fleegal was present as a potential organizer of a beer tent at the fair. Fleegal informed the committee and Sherriff Podoll that he had groups who may be interested in staffing a beer tent. He also stated that alcohol would be sold for only a few hours each day, during the times track events were held.

Richard Swanke was present as a potential organizer of a beer tent during the Sunday tractor pull at the fair. He stated that he would give more details during the fair discussion.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The committee was presented with an email from UW-Extension Chancellor David Wilson that had been sent to UW-Extension employees regarding statewide budget cuts. Slark asked the committee to read the email and said that he would keep the committee informed on any further information.

## EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the Educators.

**Hargrave:** Hargrave reported that attendance at her grain marketing clubs continues to rise. Many club attendees and other producers have utilized the Crop Budget Analyzer spreadsheet Hargrave developed with Ken Williams, Waushara County Agriculture Agent. Hargrave is assisting with developing a grain marketing club in Wood County, and held pesticide applicator training and nutrient management training in February.

**Spaulding:** Spaulding asked the committee for questions on her written report. McConnell asked if the agents felt that the Crucial Conversations workshop they attended was worthwhile. The agents felt that they took away some good information from the workshop.

**Slark:** Slark pointed out to the committee that the agents have changed their committee report formats to better reflect the way they are working on their goals. Slark reported that he is looking into ways to get parents with children currently involved in 4-H to assume more leadership roles. He explained that Green Lake County has an excellent Leader's Association, but the majority of the members no longer have children in 4-H.

**Kauffeld:** Kauffeld reported that his next webinar will be on "Green Collar Jobs." He discussed how the Markesan School District is looking into a green energy machine, and that the County Sustainability Team is assisting. Courthouse maintenance staff will be attending Focus on Energy Training.

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder)* to approve out of county days for the educators: Hargrave (4), Slark (7), Kauffeld (9.5), and Spaulding (7.5). Motion carried.

## **JCEP 2009 CONFERENCE**

Slark informed the committee that all agents will be attending the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) annual conference in April.

## **BREAK**

**9:29 a.m. - Meeting reconvened at 9:37 a.m.**



## **Fair Committee Discussion – 2009 Fair**

### **COMMERCIAL SPACE VENDOR PROPOSAL/ALCOHOL SALES**

Roy Fleegal informed the committee that he had spoken to several groups who may be interested in manning a beer tent on the south side of the fair track. Fleegal asked if committee members or fair staff would be involved in any planning. McConnell stated that neither the committee nor fair/UW-Extension staff would be involved.

Traxler asked Fleegal how money would be divided with the fair. Fleegal said that he had been hoping the committee would offer some guidance on the issue. McConnell responded that the committee hoped the fair would retain a majority of any profits, but that potential vendors would be required to present the committee with a proposal. Richard Swanke stated that if he was permitted to run a beer tent during the Thursday night truck and tractor pull, he would take care of all details and would be willing to present a proposal to the committee at the April meeting.

Both Fleegal and Swanke were instructed by McConnell to appear at the April Ag/Extension and Fair Committee meeting with more concrete proposals if the committee was to consider beer sales at the fair.

*Motion/second (McConnell/Traxler)* to table the issue of alcohol sales at the fair until the April committee meeting. At that time, interested parties shall appear with projected sales figures and vendor proposals. Motion carried.

### **TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL EVENT**

Richard Swanke asked permission to run a truck and tractor pull in the track area on Thursday night at the fair. McConnell asked Zills whether Swanke had been good to

work with in the past. Zills replied that she had been very happy with Swanke last year.

*Motion/second (Traxler/Williams)* to approve Swanke's request to run the tractor pull. Contracts will be forwarded to the UW-Extension office.

## **RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**

Zills informed the committee that raffle tickets were being printed. Printing would cost a maximum of \$100.00.

## **2009 FAIR CONTRACTS**

Zills presented two contracts, one for donkey races and one for Skippy and Dave, children's entertainment. Zills asked the committee to think about potential riders for the donkey races. She also asked for recommendations as to whether the fair should charge spectators to watch the races. She stated that she was considering asking riders for a \$5 donation, and the winner could choose a charity to receive all donations. After discussion, the committee felt that the fair should not charge spectators, but asking for non-mandatory donations from riders and/or spectators would be acceptable.

*Motion/second (McConnell/Traxler)* to approve presented contracts. Motion carried.

## **MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS**

Zills informed the committee that Jerome Jahnke and Clark Buchanan were presented with their contracts. Buchanan asked that a clause be added before signing that he be excused from his contract if Jahnke could not complete the contract due to health reasons.

*Motion/second (Williams/Schweder)* to approve contracts for Jahnke and Buchanan, with a clause allowing Buchanan to be excused if Jahnke could not complete the contract due to health reasons. Motion carried.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the Samuels Group is happy with Egbert Excavating, and the building project is going well.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that the committee discussed writing a strategic plan.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that the committee approved the writing of a strategic plan through UW-Extension. The committee is considering the services of a grant writer, pending more information. Kauffeld is assisting with the process.

## **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 14, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second (Williams/Traxler)* to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh  
Account Clerk