



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Garro, on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 9:00 am in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call taken by Garro.

Present: Patti Garro, Chair
Katie Mehn, Vice Chair
Keith Hess
Ken Bates

Absent: Bob Dolgner

Staff Present: Adam Hady
Katie Gellings
Ben Jenkins (Zoom)
Morgan Martinez
Kathy Ninneman

Also Present: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director, Winnefox Library System; Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Library Director; Christina Lyons, Caestecker Library Director; Laura Skalitsky, Princeton Library Director; Kris Kalupa, Berlin Library Director; Zach Knoke, Fair Maintenance; Barry Mashuda, Highway Commissioner; Chad MacGowan, 4-H volunteer; Rich Swanke, Green Lake Pullers Inc.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Hess/Bates) to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet. Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Library Director, gave a verbal report.

2022-2027 LIBRARY AGREEMENT

Winnefox Library System Assistant Director, Clairellyn Sommersmith, gave a presentation of the 2022-2027 Library Agreement pointing out the minimal changes. **Motion/second (Mehn/Hess)** to accept the 2022-2027 Library Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT

The submitted monthly report is in the committee packet. Ninneman gave a verbal report as well.

FAIR: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FROM 2020 BUDGET

This was tabled to next month's meeting.

FAIR: RESOLUTION

Resolution Relating to Use of General Fund Reserve Funds for Highway Property Improvements Related to County Jr. Free Fair. Committee decision to table.

2022 FAIR BUDGET

Fair Coordinator Kathy Ninneman asked County Administrator Cathy Schmit for an adjustment of \$400.00 to be moved from Auxiliary Police to Registrations & Conventions. County Board will vote on the 2022 County Budget at the meeting tonight.

ARPA FUND REQUEST

Fair Coordinator Kathy Ninneman presented a request to the Finance Committee on October 27 to be considered for ARPA funds for the Fair. The Finance Committee will prioritize their allocation of these funds in the county and the County Board will approve them and then submit those to the federal government. Ninneman submitted a request through email to County Administrator Cathy Schmit and Chairman Harley Reabe for \$500,000.

WI ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS CONVENTION

The WAF Convention is January 9-12, 2022 at the Chula Vista in WI Dells. Committee members may attend as well. **Motion/second (Bates/Hess)** for Ninneman to attend the convention. All ayes. Motion carried.

FAIR: ADDITION OF A SUB-COMMITTEE: FAIR AUCTION COMMITTEE

The Committee members in attendance were all in favor of this. **Motion/second (Hess/Mehn)** for the addition of the Livestock Council to be a sub-committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

FAIR: CONTRACTS

- Dizzy D Balloon Twister: 3 days/4.5 hours per day: \$1,485.00
- Earth Works Land Services-Zach Knoke, Maintenance (November 1, 2021-December 31, 2022): \$35,000.00

There was discussion regarding the Maintenance contract. **Motion/second (Mehn/Bates)** to approve the above contracts. Ayes-3, Nays-0, Abstain-1 (Hess). Motion carried.

HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Several items needing improvements were discussed, giving priority to: 1) Bathrooms 2) Handicap access to the track area 3) Electrical 4) Fix asphalt potholes. The Highway Department will continue to work closely with the Committee on these projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)

Rich Swanke, Princeton, suggested to improve the track area with donations and have 4-H kids help pick up garbage to help with cost savings on maintenance.

UW-EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet. Adam Hady (interim Area 14 Extension Director), Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Educator), Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator), and Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Educator), gave verbal reports.

UW-EXTENSION 2022 CONTRACT

Contract between Green Lake County and Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System for Educator positions for Gellings, Jenkins, and Martinez. **Motion/second (Bates/Hess)** to approve the contract as presented.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second Hess/Mehn to approve out of county days

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Nothing.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Chairperson Garro or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: December 14, 2021 in the County Board Room/Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairperson Garro at 10:17 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*