



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Garro, on Tuesday, September 14, 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
Bob Dolgner
Keith Hess
Katie Mehn
Ken Bates

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

Also Present: Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director, Winnefox Library System; Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Library Director; Christina Lyons, Caestecker Library Direct; Laura Skalitsky, Princeton Library Director; Kris Kalupa, Berlin Library Director; Cathy Schmit (Zoom), County Administrator; Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman; Zach Knoke, Fair Maintenance; Dan Huitema (Zoom), Livestock Council President; Jordan Galow, 4-H volunteer; Tristan Jenkins, Swine Superintendent; Tyler Moderow, parent of fair exhibitor; Mrs. Bob Dolgner; Renee Thiem-Korth (Zoom), Register of Deeds.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Bates/Hess) to accept the minutes from 8-10-21. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet. Skalitsky gave a verbal report.

2022 COUNTY LIBRARY PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Sommersmith explained this is a five year agreement with the Winnefox Library and the county. Overbeck would like to continue the goal of the county library services and not see anything cut from their budget. Schmit suggested that Corporation Counsel review it before the committee approves. Garro said it will be forwarded to Corporation Counsel. It will be placed on the October agenda and then placed on the November County Board agenda.

FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT

Ninneman had a photo report of the fair to share with the committee and those in attendance.

2021 FAIR RECAP

Garro commented that she heard positive feedback. The rain and storm was unfortunate on Saturday night. Garro also shared her disappointment in the lack of County Board Supervisors that volunteered their time at the fair.

2021 FAIR MAINTENANCE / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Garro thanked Knoke and his crew for a wonderful job done at the fair. It was his first year taking over the Maintenance after Jerome Jahnke had done the job for over 45 years.

Knoke reported that he noticed how everything is getting wore out. He questioned whether or not its cost effective to put money into the current highway grounds or start a donation fund for a new fairgrounds. Garro commented on the complaints she received regarding the bathrooms not being ADA compliant, as well as the whole grounds. Garro asked Schmit if we should have a fair. Schmit said this is the highway grounds and any improvements need to be put on the Highway Committee agenda. Discussion held regarding the highway grounds. Bates suggested we invite Highway to our meeting. Ninneman was directed to contact Barry Mashuda, Highway Commissioner, and invite him to the next meeting or have a dual meeting.

FAIR: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FROM 2020 BUDGET

Mehn would like to see the follow through with the money that lapsed in 2020 be transferred into the 2021 budget as it was stated in the December 8, 2020 minutes.

Motion/second Mehn/Dolgnier to make a budget transfer adjustment of \$65,981.60 to be put back in the budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Amended motion/second Mehn/Dolgnier to make a budget transfer adjustment of \$42,354.00 to be put back in the budget. All Ayes. Motion carried.

A resolution will be drafted by Corporation Counsel and will be placed on the October 12th agenda.

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

Galow said that they would like to do some improvements with the barns with their funds in the Livestock treasury. Garro asked Martinez to contact Corporation Counsel on the research of this item. This will be placed back on the October 12th agenda.

FAIR: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Garro received a list of Comments & Concerns:

- Beer & food at the Livestock Auction.
- Some type of music after the auction.
- Make use of the horse arena that doesn't get used during the fair: rodeo? Muttin bustin?
- Food trucks? There was barely any food this year.
- Electrician? Do we have other options? What does it cost a year? Do we get prices or ask for them to donate any of their time?
- Wheel chair access to the livestock barns – there is none.
- Where is the money from 2020 budget for the fair that didn't happen? Can that be used to update some things that desperately need attention?

Tristan Jenkins commented on the rain and how it affected the band cancellation and alcohol sales. He suggested alcohol sales during the auction.

Tyler Moderow spoke in favor of making revenue in order to improve the fair / grounds.

Zach Knoke was concerned with the lack of sign advertising. The big wooden signs that were previously put up around the county are rotten and gone. He suggested putting up yard signs.

UW-EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS

The submitted monthly reports are in the committee packet. Adam Hady (Area Extension Director), is now officially the new Area 13 Extension Director and the interim Area 14 Extension Director. He will stay on until someone new is hired for Area 14. Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Educator), Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator), and Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Educator), gave verbal reports. Hady announced that Laura McCulley (Food Wise Coordinator), will be leaving on Friday and handing off everything to Katie.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

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

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Nothing.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Garro or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: October 12, 2021 in the County Board Room/Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*