

## AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

July 12, 2022

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Vice Chair, Nita Krenz, on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 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. Requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call taken.

Present: Ken Bates (Zoom)  
Nancy Hiestand  
Nancy Hoffmann  
Nita Krenz  
Don Lenz

Staff Present: Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director  
Katie Gellings  
Morgan Martinez  
Kathy Ninneman  
Natasha Paris

Also Present: Chris Kalupa, Berlin Public Library Director; Christina Lyon, Caestecker Public Library Director; Sara Wilson, Mill Pond Public Library Director; Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Public Library Director; Laura Skalitsky, Princeton Public Library Director; Crystal Marshall, Winnefox Library System, Technical Support; Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director, Winnefox Library System; Todd Morris, County Conservationist; Heidi Johnson, Director of Division of Extension Agriculture Institute; Sheriff Padoll; Chief Deputy VandeKolk; Zach Knoke, Fair Maintenance; Tammy Goettl, Livestock Council Treasurer; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator; Tony Daley, reporter, Berlin Journal Newspapers (Zoom).

### **MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Lenz/Hoffmann)* to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

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

### **2023 COUNTY LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST**

Sommersmith explained the funding request. Several library directors spoke of the effects it has on their libraries. Administrator Schmit also gave an explanation from the county side. It will be forwarded on to Administrator Schmit.

### **PAT WAGNER, AREA 14 EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Wagner gave a report of Area 14 happenings and the various hiring.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NATASHA PARIS, REGIONAL CROPS EDUCATOR**

Wagner introduced Paris as the Regional Crops Educator for Green Lake, Adams, Marquette and Waushara Counties who began her position on July 1. Paris further expounded on her educational career.

### **PRESENTATION ON UW-MADISON DIVISION OF EXTENSION'S AGRICULTURE STAFFING PLAN**

Heidi Johnson, Agriculture Institute Director, gave an overview of Extension's Agriculture Staff Plan.

### **UW-EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS**

- **Katie Gellings, Human Development & Relationships Educator** – Gellings provided updates and information from her submitted report.
- **Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator** – Martinez provided updates and information from her submitted report.

### **APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS – discussion/approval**

*Motion/second (Hoffmann/Lenz)* to approve all out of county requests. Motion carried with no negative vote.

*Item #15 was moved before Item #14 per County Administrator Cathy Schmit's request to Vice Chair Krenz, as she had to leave for an appointment.*

### **RESOLUTION: RELATING TO USE OF GENERAL FUND RESERVE FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO COUNTY JR. FREE FAIR – discussion/approval**

Supervisor Bates explained the outcome from the Finance Committee meeting on 6-22-22. The Finance Committee is going to advise the Highway Committee to request the \$34,000 in the 2023 budget instead. It will now go to County Board in August.

### **FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT**

Kathy Ninneman, Fair Coordinator, provided updates along with her submitted written report.

### **FAIR SECURITY PLAN**

Sheriff Mark Podoll and Chief Deputy Matt VandeKolk gave a presentation on the security plan during the fair. After the fair they will discuss the outcome and make the necessary changes for the future.

### **FAIR: FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE CONCESSION AGREEMENT**

The wording in #4 was updated per Corporation Counsel.

### **HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

Supervisor Bates had some suggestions regarding the use of ARPA funds. Discussion regarding improvements to the existing fairgrounds and to plan for the future of a new fairgrounds.

### **FAIR CONTRACTS**

Pulvermacher's Temporary Services Agreement.

*Motion/second (Bates/Lenz)* to approve the contract. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit)**

None.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Date: August 16, 2022

- Future Agenda items for action & discussion: If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Chair Ken Bates or Kathy Ninneman.

### **TOUR GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Supervisors Bates, Hoffmann and Lenz could not attend. Supervisors Krenz and Hiestand, Fair Coordinator Kathy Ninneman and Fair Maintenance Director Zach Knoke toured the fairgrounds.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Krenz adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

*Submitted by,  
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*