

# AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

August 16, 2022

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair, Ken Bates, on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 9:02 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 by Ninneman.

Present: Ken Bates  
Nancy Hiestand  
Nancy Hoffmann  
Nita Krenz  
Don Lenz

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

Also Present: Chris Kalupa, Berlin Public Library Director; Zach Knoke, Fairgrounds Maintenance Contractor; Tammy Goettl, GLC Livestock Council treasurer; Tony Daley, reporter, Berlin Journal Newspapers (Zoom).

## MINUTES

*Motion/second (Lenz/Hoffmann)* to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A letter and two pictures were received from Kurt Piernot and read by Chair Bates.

## COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

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

## PAT WAGNER, AREA 14 EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT

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

*Don Lenz was seated at 9:16 a.m.*

## 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.
- **Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator** – Paris' submitted report was included in the packet.

## REGIONAL AGRICULTURE STAFFING UPDATE – possible discussion/approval

Wagner gave a report on the Agriculture Staffing update and the possibility of going with a .25

Livestock Educator. She also commented that it would be helpful to commit to a two year agreement.

### **2023 EXTENSION GREEN LAKE COUNTY BUDGET REQUEST – discussion**

Wagner went through the 2023 Proposed Budget. Committee discussed it.

*Motion/second (Lenz/Krenz)* to recommend moving the budget forward. Motion carried with no negative vote.

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

The Committee discussed approving the days prior to them happening. They would like to move forward with that process.

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

### **FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT**

Fair Coordinator Kathy Ninneman provided her monthly report from July which included the fair entries being up by 900, Superintendents' Appreciation Dinner, Youth Exhibit Committee Meeting, Fair Setup Night, Mandatory Meetings, and the Horse Show.

### **RECAP 2022 FAIR**

Fair Coordinator Kathy Ninneman recapped several of the fair events stating that she was most thankful for the good weather and record number of attendees. New events were well received, adult beverages being uneventful, and a follow-up meeting with Sheriff Podoll regarding the new safety measures taken this year. Fair Intern, Abbey Weishaar's last day was Monday, August 8.

### **2023 FAIR BUDGET REQUEST**

The 2023 Fair Budget request was presented. There was discussion regarding actual costs and budgeted costs. The preliminary budget will be moving forward.

### **ARPA FUNDING UPDATE**

A plan will be developed and presented to the Finance Committee.

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

The outdated speakers on the track area and in the Sheep/Swine barn are very difficult to hear and need to be replaced for safety purposes.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Date: September 13, 2022
- Future Agenda items for action & discussion: If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Chair Ken Bates or Kathy Ninneman.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bates adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

*Submitted by,  
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*