

AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

November 8, 2022

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair, Ken Bates, on Tuesday, November 8, 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 by Ninneman.

Present: Ken Bates
Nancy Hiestand
Nancy Hoffmann
Nita Krenz

Absent: Don Lenz

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

Absent: Morgan Martinez (on leave)
Natasha Paris (out of state conference)

Also Present: Laura Skalitsky, Princeton Library Director; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (zoom);
Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspapers (zoom).

MINUTES

Motion/second (Krenz/Hiestand) to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lisa Meier, Green Lake Chamber Director, spoke on behalf of the current state of the highway department and fairgrounds, the need for housing in the city and also her passion for a year-round multi-use facility for the whole county and surrounding communities to utilize and to bring tourism to the area.

UW-EXTENSION STAFF REPORT

Chair Bates moved Katie Gellings, Human Development & Relationships Educators' report up per her request in order for her to leave to teach a program in Berlin. Gellings provided updates along with information from her submitted report.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

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

PAT WAGNER, AREA 14 EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT

Wagner gave a report of Area 14 happenings and the 2023 contract process with Extension and each county.

UW-EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS

- **Morgan Martinez, 4-H Program Educator** – Martinez submitted a report.
- **Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator** – Paris submitted a report.

2023 EXTENSION EDUCATORS 136 CONTRACT

Wagner reported that Marquette County has made the decision to forgo their .25 portion of the Regional Livestock Educator. Instead Heidi Johnson, Extension Director of Agriculture Institute, will pay the .25 from her program funds for 2023. After that, Marquette County will be asked if they would like to join back in for 2024. Green Lake, Adams and Waushara counties will each pay a .25 portion of the salary.

Motion/second (Hoffmann/Hiestand) to approve the contract and send it on to the County Administrator. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS – discussion/approval

Motion/second (Krenz/Bates) 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 Octoberr along with any updates.

FAIR CONTRACTS

No contracts this month.

2023 WI ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

Motion/second (Lenz/Krenz) to approve Ninneman's attendance at the WI Association of Fairs Convention January 8-11, 2023 in WI Dells. Motion carried with no negative vote.

HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

There was much discussion regarding the current highway grounds and the need to relocate the fair. County Administrator Cathy Schmit suggested to put together a formalized plan and present it to the Finance Committee. She also suggested creating a sub-committee at the request of Chair Bates to County Board Chair Abendroth to get the ball rolling.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Date: December 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 10:10 a.m.

*Submitted by,
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*