

## AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

March 14, 2023

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair, Ken Bates, on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 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 Teams. 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  
Morgan Martinez  
Natasha Paris  
Kathy Ninneman

Also Present: Jeffrey Mann, Corporation Counsel; Cate Wylie, County Administrator (Teams); Laura Skalitsky, Library Director of Princeton Public Library; Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspapers (Teams).

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Chair Bates introduced the new Corporation Counsel, Jeffrey Mann.

### **MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Lenz/Krenz)* to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 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. Laura Skalitsky, Princeton Public Library Director, gave a verbal report.

### **EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS**

- **Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director** – Wagner gave a verbal report.
- **Morgan Martinez, 4-H Educator** – Martinez submitted a report and gave a verbal report.
- **Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator** – Paris submitted a report and gave a verbal report.

### **2022 EXTENSION ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2022 Extension Annual Report was represented. It will get forwarded on to County Board.

### **NITRATE WELL TESTING**

Chair Bates reported that the nitrate well testing will be receiving \$10,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds with the hopes of receiving additional funds since there is a definite need for everyone to have safe drinking water.

## **FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT**

Fair Coordinator Kathy Ninneman provided her monthly report from February along with any updates.

## **2022 FAIR ANNUAL REPORT**

The 2022 Annual Fair Report was represented. It will get forwarded on to County Board.

## **FAIR 2023 CONTRACTS**

Genesee Depot - \$2,000.00

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

## **HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

Maintenance Director Zach Knoke received a quote for new material to put up around the track.

## **FUTURE FAIRGROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

Hoffmann reported they held their first meeting on March 6. Determined their purpose. Discussion points were what is currently working and what is not working. Next meeting is April 3 at noon.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Date: April 11, 2023
- 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 9:46 a.m.

*Submitted by,  
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*