

## **AGRIGULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE**

**May 9, 2023**

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair, Ken Bates, on Tuesday, May 9, 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  
Natasha Paris (Teams)  
Kathy Ninneman

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

### **MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Lenz/Hiestand)*** to approve the minutes of the April 11, 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.

### **WINNEFOX LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

Bates reported that Clairellyn Sommersmith, Assistant Director, will replace Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, as the Executive Director. The plan is to not replace Sommersmith's position.

### **EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS**

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

### **RESIGNATION BY MORGAN MARTINEZ FROM POSITION AS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION EDUCATOR**

Pat Wagner, Area Extension Director, answered questions related to this vacant position. Consensus was to move forward to a rehire per the contract with UW-Madison Division of Extension.

### **FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT**

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

## **FAIR 2023 CONTRACTS**

Nothing at this time.

## **HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

See Future Fairgrounds Sub-Committee Report.

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

Hoffmann reported most committee members were in attendance for the May 1 fairgrounds tour. It was noted the number of items stored in all the barns that need to be removed for the fair. Some concerns in the barns included: rotting wood, electrical needs for the number of fans at the fair, plus the need for ceiling fans for circulation and outdated sound system. The track area, which is in a floodplain, is very wet and muddy when it rains.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- Future Meeting Date: June 13, 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 9:50 a.m.

*Submitted by,  
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*