

AGRICULTURE/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*