

AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE

June 13, 2023

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair, Ken Bates, on Tuesday, June 13, 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.

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

Staff Present: Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director
Adam Hartfiel
Natasha Paris
Kathy Ninneman

Also Present: Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Jeffrey Mann, Corporation Counsel; Clairellyn Sommersmith, Executive Director Winnefox Library; Christina Lyons, Library Director of Caestecker Library; Sara Wilson, Library Director of Mill Pond Library, Kingston; Chris Kalupa, Library Director of Berlin Public Library; Laura Skalitsky, Library Director of Princeton Public Library; Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspapers (Teams).

MINUTES

Motion/second (Lenz/Krenz) to approve the minutes of the May 9, 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.

2024 COUNTY LIBRARY PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Christina Lyons, Library Director for Caestecker Library in Green Lake, shared the documents which accounted for the population in Green Lake County that support the libraries. Clairellyn Sommersmith went through the 2024 Library Funding request. The committee decided to bring it back to next month's meeting for approval and to forward to County Administrator, Cate Wylie.

EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS

- **Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director** – Wagner gave a verbal report.
- **Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator** – Hartfiel submitted a report and gave a verbal report.
- **Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator** – Paris submitted a report and gave a verbal report.

COUNTY FAIRS STRUCTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATIONAL ROLES

Pat Wagner, Area Extension Director, described to the committee the county fairs structure and what roles Extension takes when attending county fairs.

FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT

Fair Coordinator Kathy Ninneman provided her monthly report from May along with any updates followed by discussion.

FAIR 2023 CONTRACTS

Nothing at this time.

HIGHWAY GROUND / FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

The carryover funds from the cancelled 2020 fair were discussed and the consensus was that it needs to be spent on this year's fair.

FUTURE FAIRGROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Hoffmann reported that the committee continues to focus on the future fairgrounds. They will be contacting professional individuals who may be able to assist with the strategic planning. It was also suggested for committee members to visit upcoming fairs at their leisure.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Future Meeting Date: July 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 10:36 a.m.

*Submitted by,
Kathy Ninneman, Secretary*