

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

**November 14, 2023**

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order at 9:00AM by Ken Bates 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  
Tony Daley – Remote

Staff Present: Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director  
Adam Hartfiel  
Stacy Graff  
Jenice Mischler  
Brandon Springer  
Laci Monroe

Also Present: Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Karissa Block, Deputy County Clerk; Ken Stephani, Finance Director

### **MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Lenz/Hiestand)*** to approve the minutes of the 09/12/23 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

-None

### **COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

- County Libraries will be starting their Holiday Events.
- Kingston is holding a fundraiser as well as a cookie walk. Kingston also has Santa visiting on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Princeton will also be participating in the cookie walk.
- County Libraries will be working with Wisconsin Library Association

### **EXTENSION STAFF REPORTS**

- **Pat Wagner, Area 14 Extension Director**  
Pat Wagner discussed the Civil Rights Review. Wagner stated this review helped her learn a lot about the county.
- **Adam Hartfiel, Regional Livestock Educator**  
Hartfiel reviewed his report and discussed his collaboration with Colorado State for Statewide Calf Transportation and the upcoming of the Calf.

- **Natasha Paris, Regional Crops Educator**

Paris reviewed her report and projects she is currently working on. Those projects being, listening to insects with new technology, and preparing a publication on herbicide rotations in Wisconsin cropping systems.

- **Brandon Springer, 4-H Program Educator**

Springer reviewed his report. Springer has met with all 4-H clubs in the county and gained lots of feedback on programming that he can use as he starts to plan his own county-wide programs.

- **Jenice Mischler, Human Development and Relationships Educator**

Mischler reviewed her report and shared her goals. Mischler's goals are to participate in Facilitator Shadow/Training for the Following Program Courses

- Rent Smart
- Financial Capability
- Financial Foundations & Cohort

Mischler would also like to have Partnership Meetings with the Boys & Girls Club, Co Libraries, Theda Care CHAT, Family Resource Council and expand referrals from DHHS.

- **Laci Monroe, Foodwise Coordinator**

Monroe reviewed her report. Monroe shared more about her relationship with surrounding communities and her plans to continue to help support families and children in need.

### **FAIR COORDINATOR REPORT**

- Graff got the opportunity to attend the Wisconsin Association of Fairs Fall District Meeting. Graff shared her positive experience and what she learned.
- Graff has applied for 1 grant so far and plans to apply for more.
- Graff has sent out a handful of judge's letters for the 2024 Fair and has received two confirmations thus far.

### **ALL COLLEAGUE CONFERENCE REPORT**

Staff that got to attend this conference shared they had a very positive experience. Some things they learned more about at this conference are, Climate & Migration, Gamification & Education. The staff shared that it was helpful to be able to talk to other colleagues in person and not over zoom. They also shared that this conference was a great opportunity to talk with Educators from other counties.

### **2024 EXTENSION EDUCATORS 136 CONTRACT REVIEW AND APPROVE**

The 2024 Extension Educators 136 Contract was discussed and reviewed. Discussion was held on Appendix A.

***Motion/second (Bates/Lenz)*** to approve the 2024 UW Extension contract after the removal of all references to Appendix A and the increased responsibilities of the Area Director, specifically any delegation of Financial Budget Authority. Motion carried with no negative vote.

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

Hoffmann shared 3 questions the Future Fairgrounds Sub-Committee came up with that needs answers:

1. Will the Fairgrounds be staying at its current location?
2. Will the land and buildings only be dedicated to the Fair or will they continue to share with the Highway Department?
3. Is the County considering selling the land?

- Benoy Jacobs has offered to work with the committee. Stacy Graff will reach out to Jacobs and find out more information.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Future Meeting Date: 12/12/2023 at 9:00AM

Future Agenda items may be shared with Cate, Ken, or Karissa

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bates adjourned the meeting at 10:14AM

Submitted by:

Karissa Block  
Deputy County Clerk

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