

Minutes
Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, April 11, 2012
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Room
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville, WI

Unapproved

1. **Call to Order:** The April 11, 2012 meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Richard Bostwick at 7:02 p.m.

Committee members Present: Supervisors Bostwick, Combs, Sweeney and Wiedenfeld.

Committee members Absent: Supervisor Arnold

Staff Present: Donna Duerst and Gena McGuigan.

Others Present: Rob McConnell, President of Fairground Board

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Combs, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of February 8, 2012 were reviewed. Wiedenfeld noted that "Widenfeld" was misspelled in item #6, and that in item #7 "two write two" should be "to write two." Motion to approve as corrected by Wiedenfeld, second by Combs, motion carried.

The minutes of March 14, 2012 were reviewed. Wiedenfeld noted that in item #3 "House" should be changed to "Assembly." In item #4, "letter to the Ag..." should read "letter of thanks to the Ag..." In item #5, "Sheiff's" should be "Sheriff's" and in Item #7 under "Roll Call" that Jim Stute, Matt Hanson should be stricken. In Item #8 paragraph one and two should be reversed. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Combs, second by Sweeney, motion carried.

4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** Rob McConnell shared that the Fair Board has met with SWAG and that the fair association is interested in the SWAG concept (youth education in agriculture) but more details are needed. The Fair Board and SWAG will continue to communicate, but no commitments have been made at this point.

5. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:** Tabled

6. **Approval of Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Duerst reviewed the department bills and encumbrances. Motion to approve as presented by Sweeney, second by Combs, motion carried.

7. **Agent Report:** Donna Duerst stated that Megan Rebout will start on Monday, April 16th as the Interim Rock County 4-H Club Advisor and that her first priorities will be MAQA training and Cloverbud Camp and that she expects Megan will "hit the ground running." Donna noted that volunteers have stepped up in light of all the recent staffing changes and that Gena has really held things together in the office.

8. **Department Update:** Donna Duerst again noted that Megan Rebout will begin on Monday and that everyone in the department is looking forward to her starting. She noted that while the position is technically an interim position they will be lobbying for it to become a permanent position.
9. **Comments from the Committee:** Bostwick noted that this will be Ron's last meeting and he thanked Ron for his service.
13. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Combs, seconded Wiedenfeld, and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gena McGuigan