

Rock County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Monday, September 9, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Sale Arena, Rock County Fairgrounds
1301 Craig Avenue
Janesville WI

Unapproved Minutes

Present: Chair Bostwick, Supervisors Arnold, Wiedenfeld, Sweeney and Pleasant

Staff Present: Jim Stute, Department Head and Administrative Assistant Sheila JaDou

Guests: Rock County Pork Producers, Rob McConnell, Fair Board President, Dean Peterson, Cathy Wendtland, Todd Kronberg, Kathy Heider, Denise Braukhoff, Bob Riseeuw, Scott Davis, John Morning, Ronna Balmer, Bob Arndt, Craig O'Leary, Mike Ferry, Kevin Klahn

1. Call to Order, Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve agenda by Supervisor Arnold, second by Supervisor Sweeney, motion carried.
3. Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements – Chair Bostwick asked the citizens if there was anything else anyone wanted to talk about other than #4 Fairgrounds Use? No citizen input.
4. Input from Rock County 4-H Fair Board on Fairgrounds Use
Fairboard and Association Members provided input to Committee.
5. Approval of August 14, 2013, Meeting Minutes
Changes: P. 3, time should be pm, not am. Motion to approve minutes as changed by Supervisor Wiedenfeld, second by Supervisor Pleasant, motion carried.
6. 4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts

a. Approval of Fairgrounds Rental Contracts- One contract:

October 26, Rock River Hills Church, Dance, Craig Center, \$290.

Motion to Approve by Supervisor Arnold, second by Supervisor Pleasant, motion carried.

Randy Thompson gave a report on proposed 2014 improvement/repairs at the Fairgrounds. In June there was a drainage issue with the lines to the city sewer. Inspection revealed the drain pipe to the street is clay tile which has collapsed. This needs to be excavated and replaced with PVC pipe. Estimated costs will be between \$2-3,000. Sewer lines near the Blackhawk Building need work, estimated cost \$800-\$1,000.

Capital Improvements: Continue with painting (sheep barn and some exterior of the dairy barn), lighting in the Craig Center (250 watt bulbs will not be available in a few years). Last year the Craig Center was upgraded. Blackhawk Building – the pump needs to be replaced. Replacement of the perimeter fence (\$80,000 estimated cost) will be postponed another year. The fairgrounds have a non-lapsing account for capital improvements.

The Fairgrounds has not needed any tax levy support in the last 5 years due to rental fees. Estimated rental revenue for 2014 is \$90,399, \$67,399 from cell towers, \$23,000 from facilities.

7. Approval of Extension Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances

Stute presented the bills. Motion to approve by Supervisor Sweeney, second by Supervisor Arnold, motion carried.

8. Department Update

- Jim Stute handed out agenda for the Agriculture & Extension Education Committee meeting on 9/13 at 8:30 a.m. This is the final interview for the 1.0 FTE Rock County 4-H Program Advisor Position with the UWEX Regional Director. Mr. Stute asked Committee Members to make every effort to attend this meeting. If there is not a quorum, the interviews will be conducted by an "Ad Hoc" committee. The presentation topic for the interview is: With the change in demographics in Rock County, how would you reach out to new audiences?
- No Changes to the 2014 budget submitted for consideration.
- Regional Dairy Position – Support for this position has been expressed by Dane and Dodge counties and housing at the Dairy Science Building at UW-Madison is being considered.

9. Comments from the Committee

Supervisor Sweeney said he felt that the public meeting went well and that Chair Bostwick did a good job overseeing the meeting. All members agreed.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm by Supervisor Arnold, second by Supervisor Pleasant, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sheila JaDouL, Administration Assistant