

**Minutes**  
**Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee**  
**Wednesday, September 8, 2010**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courthouse Conference Center**  
**Rock County Courthouse**  
**Janesville, WI**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Eva Arnold at 7:04 p.m.  
**Committee members present:** Supervisor Arnold, Supervisor Combs, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Supervisor Bostwick arrived at 7:10 p.m.

**Staff Present:** Randy Thompson, Angela Flickinger and Shana Leith.

**Also Present:** Robert Arndt, President, Rock County Fair Association.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Combs moved to approve the agenda with moving item seven – Agent Reports to follow item Five. Approval of Bills/Transfers. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Supervisor Combs moved to approve the minutes as printed and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld shared an article from the Milwaukee Journal entitled “Parental Involvement in Children’s Lives: A 4-H Pledge”. The article discussed the value of 4-H and engaging parents in the support of their children.
5. **Approval of Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Randy Thompson reviewed the Extension bills. Supervisor Wiedenfeld made a motion to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.
6. **Agent Reports:** Angie Flickinger, Family Living Educator and Shana Leith, WNEP Educator/ Family Living Educator provided an update on Family Living Programs. Leith currently serves as Committee Chair for the 2010 Community Baby Shower. The annual event involves collaboration between various Community Organizations and Agencies including the Rock County Health Department. The Community Baby Shower targets first time mothers from low income families. UW Extension provides educational programs on such topics as “Boosting Baby Brain Power”, breastfeeding and available community resources. Participation includes 40% African American families and 60% White/Caucasian.

Angie Flickinger provided an update on various Health and Wellness Programs. Flickinger has networked with Beloit Health System and Edgerton Hospital to offer a series on “Dining with Diabetes”. Training programs for Child Care Professionals was provided for 107 area child care professionals. Participation in the “Strong Womens” Program continues to increase. Fall classes throughout Rock County will be starting shortly. In addition, Flickinger is providing leadership through the Train the Trainer Program for Strong Women on a statewide basis.

7. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts**

- A. Report from Fair Association Representative

Robert Arndt, President, 4-H Fair Association, indicated that the 2010 4-H Fair was a success. A number of new events including the Rodeo were well received. Total attendance was down slightly from 2009. Bob expressed his and the Fair Board’s

appreciation for the County's and Ag Committee's support. He emphasized the strong partnership between the Fair Association and County. He complimented the committee for supporting various improvements to the grounds including assistance with the new pavilion and grandstand improvements.

B. Approval of 4-H Fairgrounds Rental Contracts - None to approve.

C. Discussion of Fairgrounds Improvements: Thompson provided a summary of improvements completed in 2010. Improvements included adding vinyl siding to the south end of the grandstand, replacement of grandstand doors, annual electrical upgrades and cost of lighting and site preparation for the new pavilion. The Fair Association paid for the materials and construction of the pavilion. This fall 500 ft of underground water pipe will be replaced on the south end of the grounds.

8. **Discussion of 2011 U W Extension Budget:** Thompson reviewed the department's 2011 budget proposal. The proposal is a cost to continue budget. Budget meetings with administration went well.

9. **Discussion and Approval of 2011 4-H Fairgrounds Rental Rates:** Over the past five years, rental revenues have ranged between \$25,000-\$30,000. Rental revenues offset a portion of the annual operating costs. Thompson is proposing the following rate fee for 2011.

For Profit events/Organizations

Monday-Thursday - \$345/day                      Friday –Sunday - \$380/day

Non Profit Events/Organizations

Monday- Thursday- \$260/day                      Friday –Sunday - \$270/day

An Additional heat surcharge for use of the Craig Center from November 1 through April 1 would be \$65/per day. This represents a 5% increase of 2010 rates.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Combs to approve the 2011 recommended rates, effective January 1st, 2011. Motion carried.

10. **WACEC District Summer Meeting Report:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld attended the recent WACEC District meeting and gave a brief report on the program.

11. **Department Update:** Thompson indicated that Angie Flickinger has requested her appointment be reduced to 60% following the birth of their third child. The reduction would be for a three year period. Discussions are underway with Southern District Director Richard Pederson to hire a .4 FTE backfill during Angie's reduced appointment. The committee expressed support for Flickinger. The shared position with Flickinger and the .4 FTE hire would not impact the UWEX budget.

Thompson also indicated that Sue Fredrich, 4-H Program Advisor had surgery and will be on medical leave through the first week in October.

12. **Comments from Committee:** Supervisor Sweeney indicated that a joint LCC Committee and PACE Committee Meeting will be held on September 15, 2010.

13. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Bostwick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/Randy Thompson

# **Proposed Fairgrounds Rental Rates**

2011 Proposal -- Rates Approved 9/8/2010

## ***2010 Rental Rates***

### **For - Profit Events/Organizations**

Monday-Thursday	\$325/day
Friday-Sunday	\$360/day

### **Non Profit Events/Organizations**

Monday-Thursday	\$245/day
Friday-Sunday	\$260/day

Heat Surcharge – November 1– April 1 - \$60.00/day  
(Craig Center only)

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Effective date of January 1, 2011 if approved.