

MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 10, 2010
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Center
Rock County Courthouse
JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

1. **Call to Order:**

The meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Richard Bostwick at 7:05 p.m.
Committee members present: Supervisors Bostwick, Arnold, Combs, Sweeney, and Wiedenfeld.
Staff present: Jim Stute, Sue Fredrich and Donna Duerst.
Also Present: Bob Arndt, Rock County 4-H Fair Board.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Combs moved to approve the agenda as printed, second by Bostwick. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes of February 10th, 2010:** Supervisor Wiedenfeld's name misspelled under item 3. Supervisor Arnold moved to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Combs. Motion carried.
4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** None
5. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:**
 - a. **Fair Association Report.** Bob Arndt reported that the Fair Board was happy with the Fairgrounds Operating Agreement for 2010 as drafted.
 - b. **Approval of 4-H Fairgrounds Rental Contracts.** The following contracts were presented for committee approval: Rock County Beef Producers Beef Cook Out (8/19, \$245); American Jersey Cattle Club-Protein Sale, dairy barns/ stock pavilion (9/26-10/3, \$2,415); Janesville Rifle and Pistol Club (10/2-3, \$650); Paige Fisher Flea Market, Craig Center (10/16, \$360); All Breed Cat Show, Craig Center-includes heat surcharge (11/5-7, \$770) and Paige Fisher Flea Market, Craig Center-includes heat surcharge (11/13, \$410). A motion to approve the rentals and proposed fees was made by Supervisor Sweeney, second by Combs. Motion carried.
 - c. **Discussion and Approval of Fairgrounds Operating Agreement with Rock County Fair Association for 2010.** A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Sweeney, seconded by Combs. Motion carried.
 - d. **Maintenance Improvements Update.** Stute reported that the Fair Association wants to build an open-sided pavilion near the Craig Avenue gate to replace the tent which is usually sited there. The permit is in the City of Janesville approval process. The fair association is paying for the improvement.

6. **Approval of Extension Bills and Transfers:** Stute reviewed the Extension bills and a transfer previously approved by the Finance Committee. Supervisor Wiedenfeld made a motion to approve the bills and transfer as presented, second by Arnold. Motion carried.
7. **Agent Report:** Donna Duerst and Sue Fredrich presented information on 4-H enrollment in Rock County for 2010. We have the largest club program in Wisconsin with 1,644 youth and 619 leaders. Youth leadership has increased 35% since 2005. The Disaster Relief Committee is raising money for Red Cross relief work in Haiti. They are holding a fundraiser on March 12 and donating \$500 in unused funds from the Craig Center kitchen project.
8. **Update on Sheriff's Garage Relocation at County Farm:** General Services continues to plan the move. Supervisor Combs stated the estimated cost for the move is \$15,000 and there may be money in the jail fund.
9. **Discussion and Approval of County Farm Cropland Lease Addendum:** Badgerland Grain LLC has approached the county, seeking to substitute lime application for maintenance phosphorus applications required in the lease. Stute and Thompson evaluated their plan, based on soil test results from fall 2009 and concluded the plan was financially equitable and helps with the problem of excessive soil test phosphorus levels. In response, they drafted a memorandum of understanding (with detail of the substitution) to amend the lease. Motion by supervisor Sweeney to accept the modification and approve the memorandum, second by Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.
10. **Department Update:** Stute reported that Becky Kennedy, 40% FTE Support Staff resigned and her last day is March 17. Thompson is working with the Human Resources Department to fill the position.
11. **Comments from the Committee:** Supervisor Sweeney showed an article in the Iron County Miner about Supervisor Bostwick's donation of development rights on 260 acres of property he owns in Iron County and commended him for the effort.
12. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Combs, second by Arnold. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Stute
Crops and Soils Educator