

MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 14th, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
2nd floor Conference Room
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 Vice Chair Eva Arnold at 7:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Supervisors Arnold, Supervisor Combs, Supervisor Sweeney, and Supervisor Wiedenfeld. (Supervisor Bostwick arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Staff present: Randy Thompson, U W Extension

Others present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director, and Tom Sweeney, Land Conservation, Jim Quade, LCC Supervisor, Katie Kuznacic, and Supervisor Fizzell.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Combs moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.

Item # 7 – Agent Report was deleted since Mike Maddox, Horticulture Educator was unable to attend.

3. **Approval of Minutes- September 9, 2009:** The minutes of September 9th, 2009 were reviewed. Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the minutes as printed and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.

4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements** – None.

5. **Approval of Bills/Transfers and Amending Encumbrances:** Randy Thompson reviewed the bills. Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved to approve the bills and motion was seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.

6. **Discussion and Approval of DPW Salt Shed Siting on County Farm Land:** A motion was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld to approve siting the New Salt Shed on the proposed County Crop Land Site.

Discussion: Chair Richard Bostwick welcomed Ben Coopman, Public Works Director. Mr Coopman discussed the proposed siting on the new salt shed to be built this fall. The salt shed will have a capacity of 5,000 tons of salt. The current shed which will continue to be utilized has a storage capacity of 2,000 tons. The additional storage capacity will allow the county to purchase annual salt supplies at a more economical rate since the current storage capacity is insufficient for the winter season salt needs.

Mr. Coopman proposed constructing the new salt shed adjacent to the DPW complex in the county farm crop field. The site would consist of ½ acre of crop land. Ag Committee members expressed concern about utilizing crop land when sufficient area is available on the 26 acre DPW complex site. There was concern about the potential impact on the crop land tenant's tillage and harvest operations.

Mr. Coopman is proposed the site location for efficient loading of trucks during winter storms and the future need to control and contain salt runoff from the site. Mr. Coopman and the committee also discussed alternative sites on the DPW Complex.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Combs to amend the motion to read: "Recommend siting the New Salt Shed on the Alternate Salt Shed Site located east of the existing salt shed." Chair Bostwick asked for a vote on the amendment. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Amendment carried.

The motion is amended and reads: Motion to "approve recommending the siting of the new salt shed at the proposed alternate site located east of the existing salt shed." 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

7. **Agent Report:** Deleted.
8. **2010 Budget Review:** Randy Thompson reviewed the budget recommendation as proposed by County Administrator Knutson. The recommendation includes creating a secretarial job share with the Planning Department. Thompson indicated that he was in agreement with the County Administrator's proposal. The remainder of the budget recommendations follows the department's proposed budget.
9. **Discussion and Approval of Resolution Awarding Crop Land Lease at the Rock County Farm:** Thompson reviewed the bid proposals for the 398 acres of crop land. Thompson recommended approval of the bid submitted by Badgerland Grain Farms LLC for \$249 per acre in each of the three years 2010, 2011 and 2012. Motion carried.
10. **Discussion and Approval of Resolution Awarding Stock Pavilion Roof Replacement Project at the 4-H Fairgrounds and Amending the 2009 Budget:** A motion to approve the bid submitted by Christiansen, Inc, Rockford, IL for \$43,775.00 for the Stock Pavilion Roof Replacement and Amending the 2009 4-H Fairgrounds Budget was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.
11. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:** T-Mobile has not started construction of the new cell tower. T-Mobile is waiting on delivery of the cell tower equipment. Construction is planned for this fall.

Thompson requested approval of a rental contract with Parker High School Cheerleading Workshop – Dec 16-17, 2009. Fee of \$110 for Heat Surcharge only. A motion to approve the contract was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.
12. **Comments from the Committee:** None.
13. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Thompson, Office Chair