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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
UW Extension
Conference Room
3506 N. Highway 51, Building A, Janesville, WI 53545

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Bostwick, Supervisor Driscoll, Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Aegerter

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Chrissy Wen, Nick Baker, Tara Hanley, Brian Paul, Brent Sutherland

Others Present:

Randy Thompson (7:35 p.m. arrival)

1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Driscoll moved approval of the agenda for December 12, 2018, second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED. Chair Bostwick noted agenda items 9 & 10 would be swapped.
3. Approval of minutes from November 14, 2018: Supervisor Davis moved approval of November 14, 2018 minutes, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED
4. Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements
Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director, stated there would be bins for food donation collection at the County Board meeting tomorrow.
5. Rock County UW-Extension staff and program updates
 - a. Discussion and possible action for 4-H vacancy

Motion by Supervisor Sweeney to hire a Positive Youth Development Educator to fill the 4-H vacancy. Second by Supervisor Driscoll.
ADOPTED

Ms. Wen informed the committee of the official name change to University of Wisconsin – Madison Division of Extension and Public Media.

- b. 2019 UW Extension Contract
Ms. Wen stated the 2019 contract between Rock County and UW Extension is currently going through the county contract review process. She noted this would be the last year for the \$10,000 discount from the state.
- c. Farm Update – Discussion and possible action for Resolution awarding farm lease
Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the Resolution awarding the farm lease to Flemming Farm. Second by Supervisor Driscoll. ADOPTED
- d. Resolution amending the 2019 budget to accept BASF donation
Supervisor Driscoll moved to approve the resolution amending the 2019 budget to accept the BASF donation. Second by Supervisor Aegerter.
ADOPTED

- 6. Review of Payments
Accepted

Fairgrounds:

- 8. Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts
Mr. Paul noted that 2019 was close to booked up for rentals.

Supervisor Sweeney stated the Farm Bureau has expressed concern that the suggested placement of their building would be unfair to other food vendors at the fair. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Aegerter questioned why there was a notation of “no refund” on some the rentals. Mr. Paul stated he would have to look what that meant, but he has not denied any security deposit refunds to anybody. Supervisor Aegerter asked Mr. Paul what neighbors to the fairgrounds should do if loud noise from events at the fairgrounds continues later than allowed. Mr. Paul stated renters are told that law enforcement may be called if loud noises continue past the time allowed.

- 9. Fairgrounds Fair Board Report
Mr. Thompson stated the Fair Board annual meeting was held last month. The fair made a profit for the third year in a row, and Mr. Thompson thanked the committee for their support and improvements to the grounds. Mr. Thompson stated there has been talk of allowing beer sales at the fair and thoughts of

dedicating a percentage of those sales into a capital improvement account for the County.

10. Fair Board Report Fairgrounds

- a. Discussion and possible action of fairgrounds press release
Chair Bostwick directed the committee's attention to the press release for confirmation that this was what the committee wanted. Discussion ensued. The press release is intended for immediate release and will be followed with a neighborhood meeting for those who live close to the fairgrounds on January 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at the Craig Center. Motion to approve the press release with suggested edits by Supervisor Driscoll. Second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED

11. Comments from the Committee

None

12. Adjournment

Supervisor Davis moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., second by Supervisor Aegerter. ADOPTED

Tara Hanley
Rock County UW Extension Office Coordinator

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