

Rock County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, April 13, 2016– 7:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Room
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville WI

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Owens, Supervisor Sweeney

Staff Members Present: Angela Flickinger, Nick Baker, Christy Marsden, Randy Thompson

Guests: Mike Reuter from Rock County Historical Society, Nick Osborne

1. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Supervisor Owens, Second by Supervisor Davis; Motion Passed
3. Approval of March 9, 2016, Meeting Minutes
Motion by Supervisor Owens, Second by Supervisor Sweeney
No Changes, Additions, Deletions
Minutes approved as presented.
4. Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements
 - Supervisor Al Sweeney –Rail Opposition Committee to Land Conservation then bring to County Board.
 - Eva Arnold's 90th Birthday Celebration is 1-4 Saturday, April 16th at the Turtle Town Hall.
5. Educator Report: Christy Marsden, Horticulture Educator
Farmer's Market
Christy is helping Beloit apply for grant. Janesville Farmer's Market she was on the board. They are working to increase EBT usage at farmer's markets.
6. 4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts
 - a. Fairboard Report
Randy announced entertainment for the fair. Moving forward with process with planning. Hired summer crew, scheduled a work day, grants seeking.

b. Approval of Fairground Rental Contracts:

May 21 – Rock County Beef Producers Spring Preview Show, Taylor, Schuetz, Beef Barn, Multipurpose Barn & Stock Pavilion Fee: no charge

May 28 – Wis-IL Dairy Goat Association, Dixie Johnson Sale Arena, Hog Barn Fee: \$305

May 17 – Dean George Auction Craig Center Fee: \$385

August 24 – Craig Sports Boosters, Sarah Hodge Craig Center & Grounds Fee: \$290

Oct. 1 – Oct. 8 – National Jersey Association Dairy Sale, Kristin Paul Dairy Barns & Stock Pavilion Fee: \$3220

November 6 – All Breed Cat Show, Chris Buck Craig Center Fee: \$305

Motion by Supervisor Davis, Second by Supervisor Owens; Motion Passed

7. Approval of Extension/Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances

Motion by Supervisor Sweeney, Second by Supervisor Davis

Discussion: Note Fair Charge for Fair book was entered incorrectly as 63410 and will be JE into 64310. Motion passed.

8. Approval of 4-H Fairgrounds Mutual Working Contract UWEX 2016 17

Already approved at prior meeting. Fair board approved and signed on 3/15/16. Signed by the A&E Committee

9. Modification of Farm Lease for Highway Dept. Requesting 1 acre of crop land for security fence.

Motion by Supervisor Sweeney, Second by Supervisor Davis

Nick shared that the Highway Department requested 30-40 feet of work space along the tree line

Motion Passed

10. Revisions to and Approval of Rock County Fairgrounds Procedures & Rules

Motion by Supervisor Owens, Second by Supervisor Sweeney

Changes approved as presented; Motion Passed

11. Discussion & Possible Action regarding Fairground Manager and Maintenance Positions
 - Nick: Manpower said they are having a hard time finding someone for this position.
 - Long Term – Independent Contractor bids for long term solution as of 1/2017.
 - Reminder to Donna – get list of responsibilities from Steve and Randy.
 - Nick – talk to General services about possible needs at the fair.
 - No action

12. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Frances Willard School

Mike Reuter from the Rock County Historical Society presented a relocation plan by June 18th. Motion by Supervisor Owens, Second by Supervisor Sweeney; All approved to move school. Motion Passed

13. Discussion and Possible Action regarding MOU with Rock County 4-H Leaders Council

Motion by Supervisor Sweeney, Second by Supervisor Davis; Approved as presented; Motion Passed

14. Department Update
 - WACEC State Conference, June 20-21 in Wausau – Supervisor Davis thinks he will plan on attending.

 - Drainage Board Update – Stanley Vielhaber newly elected.

 - NextGen – send e-mail to Committee

15. Comments from the Committee

None

16. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Davis, Second by Supervisor Owens

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.