

Rock County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday February 11, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Room
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville WI

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present: Supervisors: Davis, Dowd, and Sweeney

Committee Members Absent: Supervisors: Bostwick, Wiedenfeld

Staff Members Present: Donna Duerst, Christy Marsden, Nick Baker, Randy Thompson

Guests Present: None

1. Meeting was called to Order by Supervisor Sweeney at 7:20 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda
Move #5 to #4
Motion by Supervisor Davis, seconded by Supervisor Dowd, motion passed.
3. Approval of January 14, 2015, Meeting Minutes
Motion by Supervisor Davis, seconded by Supervisor Dowd, no changes minutes approved as printed.
4. Citizen Participation, Information, Reports
N/A
5. 4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts
 - a. NONE
 - b. Approval of Fairground Rental and Contracts
Presented by Thompson
 - February 28TH, Dean George Auction Service, Craig Center Fee \$420 + \$70 heat charge
 - April 4th – Club Barrow Sale, Complete Feed Services, Curt Watson, Sale Arena Fee: \$420
 - April 10th – Club Barrow Sale, Curt Miller Sale Arena Fee: \$420
 - May 23rd – Cancer Survivors Benefit, Karen Rynes, Craig Center – Fee: \$305
 - June 20th – Club Barrow Show, Ken Leuty, Sale Arena/Hog Barn Fee: \$420 + \$50

- August 7/8 – Relay for Life, Southern WI Cancer Society Craig Center/grounds Fee: \$420
- August 22nd – SSI Company Picnic, Lisa Crawford, Craig Center/Grounds Fee \$420
- September 5th – Jessica Wellnitz Wedding Reception, Craig Center Fee \$420 + \$50 Temp. Liquor Permit
- September 12th – Rock Wood Carvers, Craig Center Fee \$305

Non Pay Events

- ✓ April 21 – 4-H Cat Project Mtg.
- ✓ May 2nd – 4-H Fair Cat Show
- ✓ May 7, 14, 21, 28 – 4-H Dog Project Training
- ✓ May 21st – RC Sheriff's Dept. Training
- ✓ June 13th – 4-H Rabbit Project Fun Day
- ✓ June 21th – Jersey Parish Show
- ✓ June 27th – 4-H Fair Dog Show
- ✓ June 30th – 4-H Bike Rodeo
- ✓ July 1st – 4-H Area Animal Science Day

Motion to approve above contracts by Supervisor Davis, Seconded by Supervisor Dowd, motion passed.

c. Discussion and Approval of Fairgrounds Boiler Replacement Bids

Motion to discuss and approve lowest bid by Superintendent Davis, Seconded by Supervisor Dowd. Bid paperwork reviewed. The lowest bid from Tri-Cor Mechanical presented by Thompson. Bid is \$10,149 to replace the Craig Center Boiler. The Craig Center generates \$15-\$16,000 revenue that would be lost if the building was not heated.

- ❖ Motion passed to award Tri-Cor Mechanical with the boiler replacement for the Craig Center.

6. Approval of Extension Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances

Motion to approve bills by Supervisor Dowd, Seconded by Supervisor Davis. Asphalt maintenance was for the farm pothole repair. Motion passed.

7. Educator Reports:

Christy Marsden, Horticulture Educator

Marsden: Discussed Community Garden plot changes. They will have perennial plots starting this year. She will be working with a UW-Madison professor on tomato research. Shared year-end Master Gardener Report.

Nick Baker, Agriculture Educator

Baker has reached over 1,000 people as Farm Bill Program Delivery Specialist. He described Country Farm Research planned for 2015. Trees that were

removed were not pollinators. Working with Land Conservation and Pheasants Forever to establish Native Prairie.

8. Update from Department

- ❖ WCA Webinar on February 6th
- ❖ Capitol Connections on April 30th
- ❖ Educator Performance Reviews: Committee members will receive a document for each educator by the end of February,
- ❖ Door to the CCC can be closed during meetings with proper signage on the door.

9. Comments from the Committee

General discussion regarding proposed state budget cuts.

10. Adjourn 8:30 pm Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Davis, Seconded by Supervisor Dowd

Respectfully Submitted,

Minutes taken by Donna Duerst
Transcribed by Sheila JaDoul