

Rock County Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, October 14, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Courthouse Conference Room
Rock County Courthouse
Janesville WI

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Wiedenfeld, Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Owens – **WELCOME to our new Committee Member Supervisor Phil Owens!**

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Supervisor Sweeney, Second by Supervisor Davis, Motion carried.
3. Approval of September 9, 2015, Meeting Minutes
Motion by Supervisor Wiedenfeld, Second by Supervisor Davis, No changes; motion carried.
4. Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements
None
5. Educator Report: Nick Baker, Agriculture Educator
Baker highlighted upcoming events and potential research projects. Also reviewed preliminary results of soybean yield research. Baker reported that he got another new \$1 tractor!
6. 4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts
 - ✓ January 9th—Mega Sale, Paige Fischer
Craig Center Fee: \$420 plus \$70 heat surcharge
 - ✓ January 21-24---Gun Show, Bob Pucci
Craig Center Fee: \$1452.50 plus \$210 heat surcharge
 - ✓ February 6th --- St. Williams Church, Diane Rebout

Craig Center Fee: \$305 plus \$70 heat surcharge, \$50 Temp. Liquor Permit

- ✓ February 20th –Mega Sale, Paige Fischer
Craig Center Fee: \$420 plus \$70 heat surcharge
- ✓ March 4-6--- Janesville Rifle & Pistol Club Gun Show
Craig Center Fee: \$915 plus 210 heat surcharge
- ✓ March 11-13--- Belgium Tarvarian Dog Show
Craig Center Fee: \$915 plus \$210 heat surcharge
- ✓ March 26th—Mega Sale, Paige Fischer
Craig Center Fee: \$420 plus \$70 heat surcharge

Motion by Supervisor Sweeney, Second by Supervisor Davis to approve listed contracts, Motion carried.

7. Fair Board Report

Thompson reported on behalf of John Quinn. Wednesday, November 18th is the Annual Fair Association meeting at the Craig Center. Supervisor Owens asked about the status of relocating the Fairgrounds. Thompson reported that the Fair Board is currently not discussing the issue. Lease/income from the cell towers was discussed by Thompson in response to questions from Supervisor Owens. Replacement of perimeter fence was also discussed.

8. Approval of County Farm Cropland Lease Contract:

Baker presented the bid information. Only 2 (two) bids were submitted. Badgerland Grain Farms had the highest bid of \$267.86/acre for a total of \$105,000 per year. The rate for the last contract was \$357/acre. The decrease is based on commodity prices. Baker recommended approving the Badgerland Grain Farm bid. Motion to approve by Supervisor Wiedenfeld, Second by Supervisor Sweeney, Motion carried.

9. Approval of Extension/Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances

Motion by Supervisor Sweeney, Second by Supervisor Owens
Discussion: Trustees of Tufts College is for Strong Women resources; Motion carried.

10. Review of 2016 Budget

Proposed budget is very close to what was requested.

11. Department Update: nEXT Generation Local Component proposal

Duerst shared general comments regarding local component draft proposal of UW-Ext's reorganization. Committee expressed concern over the method that

might be used to determine the area groupings. Duerst encouraged members to contact Dean Klemme and Chancellor Sandeen directly.

12. Comments from the Committee

Supervisor Owens: concern over status of bees, bee habitat & pollination in the area, especially as it related to the food supply. Baker shared information about the local bee population & plans to keep it viable including bee-safe pesticide treatments.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Sweeney, Second by Supervisor Davis, motion carried.

Meeting ended at 8:30 pm

Minutes taken by Donna Duerst
Transcribed by Sheila JaDoul

Respectfully submitted

Note: Not official until approved by Committee at next meeting.