

**MINUTES**  
**ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, APRIL 14, 2010**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courthouse Conference Center**  
**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 Chair Richard Bostwick at 7:00 p.m.

**Committee members present:** Supervisors Bostwick, Supervisor Arnold, Supervisor Combs, and Supervisor Wiedenfeld.

**Supervisor absent:** Supervisor Sweeney

**Staff present:** Randy Thompson and Mike Maddox.

**Also Present:** Richard Zanzinger, Rock County 4-H Fair Board.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Combs moved to approve the agenda as printed, second by Supervisor Arnold. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** Supervisor Arnold moved to approve the minutes as printed and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.

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

5. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:**

- a. **Fair Association Report.** Richard Zanzinger reported that the Fair Association has sponsorships to install a large fan in the Stock Pavilion. The fan is similar to the fan installed by the Pork Producers in the Sale Arena. Total cost covered through donation is \$6,000. The Fair Association is moving forward on the construction of the Open Air Pavilion. The Building will be completed prior to the 4-H Fair. Total cost of the Pavilion paid by the Fair Association is \$12,000.

Thompson requested the committee's approval to cover the cost of the site preparation and electrical for the new pavilion. A motion was made by supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Combs to instruct staff to obtain quotes for the site preparation and electrical for the pavilion. Motion carried.

- b. **Approval of 4-H Fairgrounds Rental Contracts.** The following contracts were presented for committee approval: Dean George, Auction May 5<sup>th</sup> – proposed fee of \$325; Paige Fisher Mega Sale – October 16<sup>th</sup>, proposed fee of \$360.00; Wisconsin Soccer League – Event – October 23<sup>rd</sup> – proposed fee of \$260 plus \$50 alcohol permit fee. A motion to approve the contracts and proposed fees was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.

c. **Discussion and Approval of Bid for Fairgrounds Siding Project:**

Thompson presented the bids for the Grandstand siding project.

Thompson recommended approving the low bid submitted by Rock River Construction, Beloit for \$5,995.00. A motion to approve the bid from

Rock River Construction for \$5,995.00 was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Arnold. Motion carried.

- d. **Maintenance Improvements Update.** Thompson provided an update on Fairgrounds improvements. B and M Electric will be completing additional electrical upgrades this spring. Estimates are being obtained for replacing part of the underground water system.
6. **Approval of Extension Bills and Transfers:** Thompson reviewed the UW-Extension bills. A motion to approve the bills was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. Motion carried.
7. **Agent Report:** Mike Maddox, Horticulture Educator, reported on educational programs during the past three months. Preparations are underway for the 2010 RECAP Garden Program. The program is being conducted in collaboration with the Sheriff's Department. Maddox was appreciative of the great support from the Sheriff's Department in regards to the program.
8. **Annual WACEC State Conference:** Thompson provided information on the State WACEC conference which will be held in Milwaukee on June 22-23. The registration deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.
9. **Update on Sheriff's Garage Relocation:** The relocation of the Sheriff's Department Garage to the Community Garden is scheduled for early June. Relocation costs and foundation will be covered with funds from the Jail Construction Project.
10. **Information on Alice in Dairyland Event:** Rock County will be hosting the 63<sup>rd</sup> Alice in Dairyland Event on May 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. The finale event will be held at the Pontiac Convention Center on Saturday evening, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The event is an opportunity to showcase the Importance of Rock County Agriculture which contributes over \$1.1 Billion to the local economy.
11. **Comments from the Committee:** Supervisor Combs requested that the Ag Committee meet at the 4-H Fairgrounds in the near future. Thompson suggested the June Meeting be held at the Craig Center and include a walking tour of the grounds.
12. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Arnold and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
/Randy Thompson, UW  
Extension Office Chair