

**MINUTES**  
**ROCK COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**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:** Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Combs, Supervisor Sweeney, and Supervisor Wiedenfeld.

**Committee members absent:** Supervisor Arnold

**Staff present:** Randy Thompson and Jim Stute, UWEX.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Combs moved to approve the agenda and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Supervisor Sweeney moved to approve the minutes as printed and seconded by Supervisor Combs. Motion carried.

4. **Citizen Participation, Information and Announcements:** Thompson referred to the letter from Joshua Smith, Assistant County Administrator. Mr. Smith indicated that alternatives to demolition are not feasible given the time constraints and lack of funding to support moving the Sheriff's garage.

5. **Approval of Extension Bills/Transfers:** Randy Thompson reviewed the UWEX bills. A motion to approve the bills was made by Supervisor Sweeney and seconded by Supervisor Bostwick. Motion carried.

6. **Agent Report:** Jim Stute, Crops and Soils Educator, presented an update on the County Farm Enterprise. Total cash contributions to the General Fund from the UW Extension Research Plots and Community Garden Program was \$7397 in 2009. Corn variety trials averaged 263 bushel/acre. The Soybean variety trials averaged 71 bushels/acre.

7. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts:** The following rental contracts and proposed fees were presented to the committee: March 28 – **Lori Knoll Club Pig Sale** - \$360; April 3 – **Warren Looboro Swine Sale** - \$360.00; May 22 – **Brandy St Clare Wedding** - \$360.00; May 29<sup>th</sup> - **WI-IL Goats** - \$260.00; June 16<sup>th</sup> – **Rock County Pork Producers Porkfest**; June 19<sup>th</sup> – **YWCA Annual Walk** - \$260.00; June 19<sup>th</sup> – **Jersey Parish Show** - \$260.00; July 1-4 – **National Suffolk Show** - \$1045.00.

A motion was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Sweeney to approve the contracts and proposal fees. Motion carried.

Thompson reported that the T-Mobile Cell Tower is operational. The County has received rental payments of \$34,200. Additional one time funds of \$10,000 per carrier will be paid as they connect to the Tower.

8. **Discussion of 2010 Fairgrounds Capital Improvement Projects:** The Stock Pavilion roof project has been completed. We have completed necessary roof projects on the fairgrounds.

Thompson reviewed the list of recommended capital improvement projects for 2010.

1. Vinyl Siding on South Side of Grandstand
  2. Replacement of waterline from Fair Secretary Office west towards Craig Center
  3. Replacement of Beef Barn Gutters and Downspouts
  4. Continued Electrical Upgrades and Improvements
  5. Black top repair and replacement
  6. Door Replacements – Craig Center, Sale Arena, etc.
  7. Set aside \$10,000 minimum for future grandstand replacement
- Total cost of estimated improvements is approximately \$60,000.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wiedenfeld and seconded by Supervisor Combs to approve Capital Improvement Project list for 2010.

9. **Comments from Committee:** Thompson indicated that Performance Reviews for Agent Staff will be conducted at the February 10<sup>th</sup> Ag and Extension Education Committee Meeting.
10. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Combs and seconded by Supervisor Wiedenfeld . Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/Randy Thompson, Office Chair