

Minutes
Rock County agriculture and Extension Education committee
Wednesday, May 8, 2013
Rm. 250 Rock County Courthouse
Janesville, WI

Unapproved

1. **Call to Order:** The May 8, 2013, meeting of the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order by Chair Bostwick at 7 pm.

Committee members present: Supervisors Bostwick, Arnold and Wiedenfeld

Committee members absent: Supervisors Sweeney and Sanders

Staff present: Angie Flickinger

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Arnold, second by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve as written by Wiedenfeld, second by Bostwick, motion carried

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

5. **4-H Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts** – No one at the meeting to give the report.
Fair Association Report

Approval of Fairground Rental Contracts – Sheila reported that she has not typed up any new contracts since starting in the department 4/29/13.

Total rental income to date: \$19,720

6. **Approval of Extension Bills/Transfers/Encumbrances:** Flickinger reviewed the department bills and transfers. Motion to approve by Arnold, second by Wiedenfeld.

7. **Educator Report** – Jim Stute – report given by Angie
Jim is working on arrangements with ATC and Alliant Energy to finish the power line rebuild before the growing season to minimize disruption to the research plots and rental land on the farm. GOEX/Prent Industries have finished their survey of the of the new property line on the East end of the Rock County Farm. Jim will work with the Rock County Surveyor to make sure it is correct. Five graduate students from UW-Madison are doing thesis/ dissertation work on the farm this year, results of which will be incorporated into statewide Extension programming.

8. **Discussion and Approval of Committee Meeting Dates and Time:** This item was tabled at the April meeting. Supervisor Arnold wondered if the time could be any earlier. No action.

9. **Discussion and Approval of Refilling the 0.4 FTE Family Living Educator Position**
Cristina Parente, 0.4 FTE Family Living educator ended employment May 7. A request has been made to Matt Hanson, UWEX Southwest Region Director to refill the position. Job duties and a new position

description are being developed. As envisioned, the position will have only family living duties: childcare, family relationships, etc. Motion to approve refilling the position by Arnold, seconded by Wiedenfeld, motion carried.

10. Department Update

New Employees: Sheila JaDouL, new AA at Janesville office began April 29.
Sheila De Forest, WNEP Administrator at the Beloit office begins May 22nd

Second interviews for the Horticulture Educator position will be held at 1 pm on May 14th.

11. Comments from the Committee: None

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Arnold second by Wiedenfeld motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. JaDouL