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Agriculture & Education Committee  
Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 7 pm  
Rock County Courthouse – Courthouse Conference Center  
51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545  
Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Supervisor Bostwick, Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Driscoll, Supervisor Hawes & Supervisor Sweeney

Committee Members Absent: N/A

Staff Members Present:

Donna Duerst, Angela Flickinger, Nick Baker, Christy Marsden & Brian Paul

Others Present:

Randy Thompson, Fair Board President

Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting called to order at 7:17 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Davis moved approval of the agenda of December 14, 2016, second by Supervisor Driscoll. ADOPTED

Adoption of Minutes, Supervisor Hawes moved approval of the minutes from November 16, 2016, second by Supervisor Bostwick. ADOPTED

Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements

None

### Fair Board Report

The Fair ended up over \$9,000 in the black for 2016. About \$100,000 was cut from the entertainment budget. For 2017 there will be again be 3 nights of national entertainment. Annual Fair Association Meeting was held in November. Currently working on plans for 2017.

### Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts

No new contracts at this time.

### Discussion & Possible Action regarding possible changes in the fairgrounds rental rates

Paul distributed information. Purchased Fair Board's tables and chairs. Discussed proposed rates and how contracts would be amended. Any group could come to the Committee and request a reduction in their rate.

Supervisor Sweeney moved to accept Mr. Paul's recommendations regarding the fairgrounds rental rate changes and to accept the proposed amendments to the contracts with the understanding of revisiting the rates in late 2017. Second by Supervisor Bostwick. Motion Carried.

### Discussion & Possible Action regarding the sale of alcohol by fairgrounds lessees

Paul distributed information. Proposal is to allow Class B permits to be issued for the Fairgrounds to allow non-profit lessees to sell alcohol (only beer and wine). Some events are choosing other venues in order to sell alcohol.

Discussed proposed rates for events to sell alcohol and what is done by other counties. Supervisor Sweeney moved that Mr. Paul bring back to the Committee a proposed policy to review. Second by Supervisor Davis. Motion Carried

Note: County Ordinance would need to be changed by a Resolution.

### Review of Payments

Payments were reviewed.

Discussion & Possible Action on Resolution regarding capital equipment purchases for county farm

Baker explained why a soil finisher is needed. There is a used one available at Mid-State Equipment. After trading in another piece of equipment the net cost would be \$12,000. Supervisor Davis moved to approve the Resolution for the purchase of the Soil Finisher for \$16,000 less the trade-in of \$4,000, Second by Supervisor Driscoll; Motion Carried

Discussion & Possible Action Re: Proposed restructuring of UW Extension

Nothing

Update from Department: Capitol Connections: April 20, 2017; WCA Legislative Exchange – February 7, 2017, Concourse in Madison; staff transitions

- Duerst reviewed upcoming events.
- Flickinger was accepted into the National Extension Leadership Development Program which is a big honor.
- Marsden announced that she is resigning to take a position with University of Minnesota Extension. The Committee thanked her for her service.
- Duerst announced that she has decided to retire in July 2017.
- Baker was selected to participate in the North Central Cropping Academy.
- Staff performance reviews with Matt Hanson will be the afternoon of February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Comments from the Committee

None

Adjourn Supervisor Driscoll moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., second by Supervisor Hawes. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Minutes taken by Donna Duerst  
Transcribed by Sheila JaDoul

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