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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
Wednesday, June 13, 2018
Rock County Courthouse
Courthouse Conference Center, 2nd Floor
51 S. Main St., Janesville, WI 53545

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Bostwick, Supervisor Driscoll, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Aegerter

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Chrissy Wen, Nick Baker, Angie Flickinger, and Tara Hanley

Others Present:

None

1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Driscoll moved approval of the agenda for June 13, 2018, second by Chair Bostwick. ADOPTED
3. Approval of minutes from May 9, 2018: Supervisor Davis moved approval of May 9, 2018 minutes, second by Supervisor Driscoll. ADOPTED
4. Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements
None

UW-Extension:

5. Rock County UW-Extension staff and program updates
 - a. Cooperative Extension Overview – Chrissy Wen, Area 19 Director

Ms. Wen presented the Cooperative Extension Overview and gave the Committee the most recent information regarding the Cooperative Extension nEXT Generation transition.

- b. Future Staffing and Program Needs – Chrissy Wen, Area Extension Director
Ms. Wen reported the .60 shared Horticulture vacancy is on hold at the State level. She did not have a timeline on when it might be moved along.

Ms. Wen referred the committee to the Positive Youth Development Report from Nancy Brooks that was provided at the meeting. She noted the report will be put on the agenda and discussed by Nancy at the next Committee meeting. Supervisor Sweeney suggested thinking about the vacancy as having more of a responsibility in volunteer development. He questioned if that's maybe the funding angle to be looking at. Laura Vander Veen, 4-H Program Coordinator, will be present at the next committee meeting to give her thoughts on it.

- c. Programming Report – Angie Flickinger, Family Living Educator
Ms. Flickinger presented her programming update to the committee. A copy of her Smarter Lunchroom Assessment was given to members along with a report of her efforts regarding it.

Ms. Flickinger described the barriers the office has experienced recently regarding interns. She specifically noted a County policy of interns working 25 hours per week maximum as an obstacle to requirements interns commonly need to fulfill during an internship. Ms. Flickinger questioned the Committee if this was perhaps a policy change that needed to be thought about.

6. Discussion and Possible Action – Revising Concrete Bid for Agricultural Machinery Storage Building

Mr. Baker provided two options to revising the concrete bid for the Agricultural Machinery Storage Building. Either option would still keep the project under budget. Mr. Baker and the committee discussed the need for the revision and the differences between options. Supervisor Sweeney moved approval of Option B presented, second by Chair Bostwick. ADOPTED

7. Review of Payments
Accepted.

Fairgrounds:

8. Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts

Brian Paul questioned if the Committee if they wanted to continue to approve the contracts or if he should give a report. Supervisor Sweeney stated that since they are already signed by the Chair and are a specified contract, a report would be

sufficient. Chair Bostwick agreed as long as Mr. Paul continued to hold to conditions set forth by the contracts.

Mr. Paul mentioned the first event since the change in alcohol policy was coming up (fundraiser).

Mr. Paul stated the latest maintenance on the fairgrounds has been putting GFI outlets in the Dairy Barn and LED light in the old Dairy Barn. He's also put up some fairground advertising signage.

9. Fairgrounds

a. Discussion and possible action on long-term planning

Mr. Paul stated there is no new information regarding the Countywide Master Plan.

b. Discussion and possible action on agreement with Farm Bureau

Chair Bostwick stated the agreement is still being worked through by Rock County Corp Counsel.

c. Discussion and possible action on Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds Mutual Working Agreement

Discussion tabled to next meeting.

10. Fair Board Report

Mr. Paul reported the fair office has been busy fine tuning details for the fair this year.

11. Comments from the Committee

None

12. Adjournment

Supervisor Davis moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., second by Supervisor Aegerter.
ADOPTED

Tara Hanley
Rock County UW Extension Office Coordinator

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