

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION  
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 5, 2012

9:00 a.m.

UWEX Conference Room  
Lancaster, WI

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Patcle. Present, in addition to Chairman Patcle were Bob Keeney, Vince Loeffelholz, Pat Schroeder, Roger Guthrie, Grant Loy, Bev Doll, Amy Olson, Jack Johnson, Larry Wagner, Keith Simmons, Tom Bennett, Jane Tennessen, Jennifer Crubel, Audrey Johnston, Tom Neis, Bob Fox, Gerald Bollant, Denise Tolzman and Bruce Lucy.

The meeting notice was posted at the Administration Building, Extension Office, Youth & Ag Center, and media by Jenny Dixon.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Grant Loy, to approve the minutes of the meetings held October 2 and 15, 2012. Motion carried.

Jackson Johnson was present to discuss use of the Eckstein Exhibit Hall for a Sheriff's Department auction of impounded items. Other county departments will also be invited to put items in the auction. Items will be put in the building on January 11 and the auction will be held January 12, 2013.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz to waive the use fee for the Grant County Sheriff's Department use of the Eckstein Exhibit Hall on January 11 & 12, 2013 for an auction. The Sheriff's Department will pay utility expenses. Motion carried.

Amy Olson gave the grounds and maintenance report.

Motion by Bob Keeney, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve Youth & Ag Center vouchers. Motion carried.

Public Property Committee requested input from departments regarding vehicle insurance.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Bob Keeney to keep ending balance in self-funded account to use for deductible and get bids from outside firm. Motion carried.

Larry Wagner, Lancaster Fire Department, was present to discuss the using Eckstein Exhibit Hall for their firemen's dance.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Grant Loy to waive the use for the Lancaster Fire Department use of the Eckstein Exhibit Hall on May 18 & 19. The fire department will pay utility expenses. Motion carried.

Keith Simmons was present to discuss racing at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

Motion by Bob Keeney, seconded by Roger Guthrie to sign a contract with Keith Simmons for Wednesday of the 2013 Grant County Fair. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Bob Keeney to investigate a joint venture with Keith Simmons on summer racing. Motion carried.

Bev Doll presented Grant County Extension and Youth & Ag Center business.

Motion by Bob Keeney, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz to approve Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

Parties having receptions in the Youth & Ag Center have requested to use the building beyond the noon deadline on Sundays.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Grant Loy to allow parties having receptions to use the Youth & Ag Center after 12:00 p.m. on Sundays at an additional fee of \$50. Motion carried.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

The West Grant Saddle Club building information and options were discussed. A contract will be drawn up between the Saddle Club and Grant County Fairgrounds regarding the arena area and building.

Representatives from organizations manning the food and beer stands at the fair were present to discuss successes and improvements.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Pat Schroeder to have Amy get bids on putting a concession window in the grandstand. Motion carried.

Denise Tolzman, WGLR, was present to discuss the possibility of holding a Live Holiday Auction in the Eckstein Exhibit Hall or Youth and Ag Center.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Grant Loy to allow WGLR to use the Eckstein Exhibit Hall or Youth and Ag Center for their annual holiday auction, if they wish and if available, at no cost with WGLR paying utilities. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to offer the same contract as last year to Lancaster Sluggers, Farm Bureau and Jaycees. Motion carried.

Eckstein Exhibit Hall financials were discussed. Amy will meet with the Finance Director.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Roger Guthrie to pay Fair vouchers. Motion carried.

Grant County Fair will donate \$25 to hospitality at Wisconsin State Fair.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Roger Guthrie to adjourn until December 3 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Loeffelholz  
Secretary

Lori Vesperman  
Recording Secretary