AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, December 17, 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, Larry Wolf, Bev Doll, Amy Olson, Steve Adrian, Betsy Olson, Rick Sanson, Ryan McCall, Dan Sullivan, Jennifer Crubel, Audrey Johnston, Kirt Timlin and Jeremy Retuer. Larry Wolf left the meeting at 9:45.

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

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Keeney, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz, to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 5, 2012. Motion carried.

Amy Olson gave the grounds and maintenance report.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Pat Schroeder to approve Youth & Ag Center vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Bob Keeney, to approve Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

Amy shared information on the Eckstein Exhibit Hall budget. There needs to be brighter lighting outside the building at night.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie to wire three poles by the Eckstein Exhibit Hall for automatic lighting. Motion carried.

Fair convention details were discussed.

The yearly contract with Farm Bureau was signed.

Motion by Roger, seconded by Grant Loy to accept the contract for the West Grant Saddle Club as presented and pass on to the club. Motion carried.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to choose the theme "We're in a Good Moood for Fun at the Grant County Fair." Motion carried. One no vote.

Betsy Olson presented fair book changes.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Grant Loy, to accept suggestions to move the beef show from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and a add mini Hereford breed class. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Bob Keeney, to approve covered recommended changes to the fair book. Motion carried.

Review of changes will continue at a future meeting of the Ag & Extension Education Committee/Fair Board.

Rick Sanson, Ryan McCall and Dan Sullivan from WGLR were present to discuss fair entertainment and benefits of working together.

Jennifer Crubel and Audrey Johnston from Southwest Opportunities were present to discuss the food stand at the 2013 fair.

Kirt Timlin is interested in bidding on the sound system for the Grant County Fair when the contract is available.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Grant Loy, to pay the Fair and Fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on tractor pulls for the 2013 fair.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Grant Loy, to go with the county tractor/truck pull with a contingency that it is okay with Tri-State Tractor and Truck Pull and a sled can be obtained. Motion carried. Vince Loeffelholz abstained.

Amy shared information on ideas for changes to improve the Elton Noble Memorial display sign outside the Youth and Agriculture Center.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz to mirror the decision the Noble family and Amy come up with and fund the project. Motion carried.

A quote from Todd Wolf for putting a concession stand window in the Grand Stand is \$2850.00. Will forgo the window at this time.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to pass the livestock claim from Lancaster Veterinary Clinic in the amount of \$821.50 to be paid in full on to the full county board. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Keeney, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to deny owner's claim for damage to animals livestock claim in the amount of \$150.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Roger Guthrie to adjourn to the call of the chair. Motion carried.

The committee will next be meeting at the Fair Convention between Sunday, January 6 through Wednesday, January 9, 2013. The next Ag & Extension Education/Fair Board meeting will be held January 21, 2013.

Adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Loeffelholz Secretary

Lori Vesperman Recording Secretary