

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, September 29, 2015
9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman John Patcle. Present, in addition to Patcle were Grant Loy, Pat Schroeder, Roger Guthrie, Mark Stead, Dan Timmerman, Bob Keeney, Bev Doll, Ted Bay, Amy Olson, Sarah Hopkins, B.J. Ragatz, Ben Wood, Matt Christ, Dee Rowe, Marge Sherwin and Steve Barritt.

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 Mark Stead, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to approve the minutes of meetings held August 17, 20, 21, 22, 23 and September 3, 2015, with correction on August 17 and September 3. Motion carried.

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

Ted Bay gave his agent report. A report from Shannon Brown was handed out to the committee.

Bev presented UW-Extension agent contracts.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Grant Loy to approve UW-Extension Agent contracts, 133-PRJ89UB. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to approve UW-Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

Amy Olson gave the grounds and maintenance & Youth & Ag Center report.

Discussion was held on the revised Youth & Ag Center budget for 2016.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to approve the revised 2016 Youth & Ag Center budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to approve grounds and maintenance vouchers. Motion carried.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

B.J. Ragatz was present to discuss holding the 2016 High School Rodeo during the Fair. The topic will be discussed further at the next committee meeting, October 19.

Dee Rowe and Marge Sherwin were present to discuss the Grant County Humane Society. The Grant County Humane Society has formed a taxed exempt organization. The Human Society would like the Grant County Board to designate the Society to form a pound for Grant County. Discussion was held on dog responsibilities between law enforcement, the Humane Society and the County Board. The relationship between the County Board and the Human Society was discussed.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to send the discussion and possible action of making the Grant County Humane Society the designated pound, under 174.09 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the full County Board. Roll call vote. Voting yes - Grant Loy, Pat Schroeder, Roger Guthrie; voting no – Mark Stead, Dan Timmerman, John Patcle. Tie committee vote with yes vote by County Board Chairman Bob Keeney. Motion carried.

Matt Christ was present for discussion of the 2015 Fair races.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, to pay \$6,400 to Lafayette County Speedway for the Fair races. Motion carried.

Steve Barritt, from Miller and Associates, presented information on purchasing additional bleachers to improve seating in the Grandstand area.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to approve use of up to 50 chairs by the Lancaster FFA Alumni for their breakfast and toy show. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the revised Fairgrounds budget for 2016.

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to approve the revised 2016 Fairgrounds budget. Motion carried.

Discussion of the winter storage fee schedule was held.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to raise the Open Show Barn rental to \$50 for larger vehicles. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Grant Loy, to approve Fair and Fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on changes in 4-H program guidelines and impacts on fair participation.

Fair horse entries were discussed.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Stead, to eliminate late entries in the open class draft horse show. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, to adjourn. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held October 19, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Loy
Secretary