

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION  
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING  
Monday, October 19, 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, Mark Stead, Dan Timmerman, Bob Keeney, Bev Doll, Ted Bay, Amy Olson, Kory Stalsberg, Sarah Hopkins, Joel Ames, Carrie Reed, Sara Burks, Becky DeBuhr, Lori Vesperman and Sharon Simons (by phone). Roger Guthrie was excused.

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 agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Grant Loy, to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 29, 2015. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by John Patcle, to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 12, 2015, with correction. Motion carried.

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

Kory Stalsberg reported on past, current and future projects. Shannon Brown shared his report on current and upcoming projects along with an analysis of UWEX roles in county tourism and snowmobile administration. Sarah Hopkins gave her report and informed the committee she will be leaving her position as 4-H Youth Development Agent at the end of November. Bev Doll shared information on facilitating focus groups regarding issues and needs assessment across Grant and Crawford County related to health needs.

The Memorandum of Understanding with Lafayette County, approved at the October 12, 2015, meeting was signed.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Grant Loy, to approve UW-Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Light switches in the Eckstein Exhibit Hall were changed from motion to on/off.

Maintenance staff is shutting off water and getting buildings winterized.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, to approve grounds and maintenance vouchers. Motion carried.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

Sara Burks, West Grant Saddle Club, shared that the Little Britches Rodeo held on the Fairgrounds in August was a success. They would like to use funds raised to make improvements to the arena.

Joel Ames, Classy Chassis, reported on the success of their fair participation and stated they would like the same agreement in 2016 as in 2015. The committee shared that other groups participate at the fair without receiving compensation.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to discontinue the \$350 payment to Classy Chassis for their participation at the Grant County Fair. Motion carried.

The committee welcomed Classy Chassis to continue their participation at the Fair. Joel Ames will check with the club to see if they want to continue their car show and let Amy know their decision within the month.

Carrie Reed reported on the Open Class Swine Show at the fair. Although entries were low in 2015, people stated there is interest in exhibiting in 2016. Kory Stalsberg, Dairy & Livestock Agent, highly recommended continuing with the open show, possibly holding it after the junior show.

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Dan Timmerman to have the Open Class Swine Show on a trial basis for 2016. Motion carried.

Bleacher seating for the Fairgrounds was discussed.

Discussion was held by phone with Sharon Simons on rodeo possibilities for the 2016 Fair.

Becky DeBuhr, fair superintendent for the horse project, and Sarah Hopkins, 4-H Youth Development Agent, were present to share concerns regarding the project. The committee supports recommendations discussed. A 4-H horse project meeting is being held on October 25, at 4:00 p.m., in the South Room of the Youth & Ag Center where further discussion will be held on the horse project for the fair.

Suggestions for the 2016 fair were reviewed along with livestock suggestions from committee night.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dan Timmerman to accept proposed changes to the Cat Department. Motion carried.

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to accept proposed changes to the Goat Department, excluding using some project funds for judge expenses. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Grant Loy, to accept proposed changes to the Poultry Department. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Grant Loy, to accept proposed changes to the Rabbit Department, as long as pens stay within confines of present building. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Grant Loy, to accept proposed changes to Legos. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to accept proposed changes to the Computer Department, limited to six entries per individual. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to hold swine weigh-in on Wednesday evening from 5:00-8:00 p.m., and hold the junior swine show Thursday morning. Motion carried.

The open swine show will be held immediately following the junior swine show.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to start the junior market sheep show at 5:00 p.m. Thursday evening, immediately followed by market class sheep show and then open class sheep show. Motion carried.

Processing arrangements for the extra pigs (not a part of the Junior Livestock Auction) should be made prior to the fair.

Swine weigh-ins were discussed.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dan Timmerman, not to have swine weigh-ins. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to accept proposed changes to Crocheting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to accept proposed changes to Bucket of Blooms. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to accept proposed changes to the Clothing Department. Motion carried.

No action was taken on Cloverbud/Exploring changes.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dan Timmerman to expand on the organizations that can enter the junior division and set guidelines. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to state on all brochures and advertising that there will be no refunds given overall at the fair. Motion carried.

Amy has been approached by committees to have an account through the fair to pay for goat trophies, rabbit and poultry trophies. This will be discussed later.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to make additions to open class departments to create more entries. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to add Cloverbuds (second grade only) to the Dress Revue Style Show and allow a project entry in sewing for that class. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Mark Stead, to eliminate booths (Department 32) and homemade wines/beers (Department 116). Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to move seven categories in each grade level from the quilting section to another part of that department because they are not technically quilting. Motion carried.

Cassette tape and video tape will be removed from Demonstrations & Presentations Department and CD inserted.

Grant County will host the 2016 fall district fair meeting.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to approve Fair and Fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

Local bands will be asked to perform at the 2016 fair.

Amy Olson shared information regarding sponsorship/promotion levels.

The theme for the 2016 fair will involve a throwback theme.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Grant Loy, to approve sending the livestock claim from Lancaster Veterinary Clinic in the amount of \$756.00 on to the full county board. Motion carried.

Pat Schroeder shared that the other vet clinic in Lancaster is not interested, or equipped, in being the location for the pound.

Amy Olson recommended that the photographer for the fair receive a stipend.

Mark Stead congratulated Bob Keeney for being named 4-H Volunteer of the Month and thanked him for all of his service to the 4-H program in Grant County.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Loy  
Secretary

Lori Vesperman  
Recording Secretary