

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION  
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, December 21, 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, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Ted Bay, Shannon Brown, Kory Stalsberg, Joel Ames, Tina Ames, Joan Ames, John Ames, Ray Klaas and Gina M. 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 Grant Loy, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to approve the minutes of meetings held November 16 & 23, 2015. Motion carried.

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

Shannon Brown, Kory Stalsberg & Ted Bay passed out their agent reports and summarized prior, current and future projects and events.

Ted presented information on nEXT Generation, the restructuring of UW-Extension.

It is time for the UW-Extension office to do a needs assessment to get equitable programming to all parts of Grant County.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Pat Schroeder to move forward in supporting Grant County UWEX to have UW-River Falls conduct the needs assessment. Motion carried.

The committee would prefer monthly written reports from all agents/educators instead of the annual report. The agents/educators, not the Agriculture & Extension Education Committee, will meet with the District Director for their annual review, for one year.

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

Joel Ames was present to discuss the Fair contract with Classy Chassis. The committee decided to keep the number of Classy Chassis members entering at no cost to 10. John Patcle paid \$35 for an additional 7 members to enter for a total of 17 entering at no cost. Pat Schroeder will give \$100 for meal tickets. Joel wants it to be used for 80 meal tickets at \$1.25 each.

The committee recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

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

Amy received a quote of \$11,657.00 from Otter Creek for four doors for the south side of the livestock facility. The total cost of \$16,089.00 includes these doors, replacing closures and panic bars on the remaining doors in the building and labor.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Stead, to send the total cost of the doors and repairs for the livestock facility on to the Livestock Trust. Motion carried.

A furnace in the Youth and Agriculture Center stopped working. Amy received a quote from Fritz Plumbing & Heating.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Grant Loy, to replace the furnace going through Fritz Plumbing & Heating. Motion carried.

Winter projects include waxing floors and painting bathroom stalls.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Grant Loy, to approve grounds and maintenance vouchers. Motion carried.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

Replacement of portable bleachers was discussed. Amy will talk to the Livestock Trust about the purchase of bleachers.

The committee will be meeting with Lafayette County Speedway at the fair convention to discuss races at the 2016 Fair.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to close gate admissions at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Entertainment for the 2016 Fair was discussed.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to renew the Lancaster Sluggers contract for the Eckstein Exhibit Hall. Motion carried.

Amy is getting bids for electrical work, to reduce circuit breaker issues, in the Eckstein Exhibit Hall.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Grant Loy, to approve Fair and Fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Grant Loy, to approve the livestock claim from Lancaster Veterinary Clinic in the amount of \$630.00. Motion carried.

Bev Doll shared information from Matt Hanson regarding the interim 4-H position. Charisse Orth is interested in the position.

Mark Stead asked to be excused from a meeting if held Sunday or Monday at the fair convention.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Stead, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held January 25, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Loy  
Secretary

Lori Vesperman  
Recording Secretary