

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, February 27, 2017
9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Roger Guthrie. Present, in addition to Guthrie were John Patcle, Mark Stead, Grant Loy, Dan Timmerman, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Bev Doll, Lori Vesperman, Ted Bay, Kory Stalsberg, James Schneider, Donna Peterson, Pat Schroeder, Heather Bontreger, Judy Hazen, Bob Welch, Stacy Phalin, Jean Patten, Melissa Uppena, Cindy Busch, Denise Tolzman, Rick Kruser, Linda Parrish, Sandy Leibfried, Jeff Anderson and Ross Fritschka. Mike Lieurance was excused.

The meeting notice was posted at the UW-Extension Office, Youth & Agriculture Center and mailed to media and Administration Building by Lori Vesperman and posted on the website by the Grant County Clerk's Office.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Mark Stead, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Due to the availability of Grant County Corporation Counsel, the closed session will be at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by John Patcle, to approve minutes of the meetings held January 9, 10, 11, and 23, 2017. Motion carried.

Grant County UW-Extension and Youth & Agriculture Center business was presented.

Twenty-one Grant County Tourism Grant applications requesting a total of \$44,187.50 were received. James Schneider suggested allotting the total \$10,000 dollars budgeted for the year to this grant cycle.

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Mark Stead, to allow the organization representatives present at the meeting to speak about their application. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Grant Loy, to rescind their motions made at the November 14, 2016 meeting to split the Tourism Grant money evenly between 2017A and 2017B cycles. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to allocate \$10,000 of Tourism Grant money today. Motion carried.

An earlier preliminary review narrowed the pool to 10 grants for funding consideration.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Grant Loy, to move forward with the 10 applications recommended for funding. One no vote. Motion carried.

Representatives of nine of the applications being considered gave brief summaries of their proposals. Committee members then scored the applications. Friends of Platte River proposal was denied because the DNR permit had not been acquired.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to award Boscobel Farmers Market the requested amount of \$687.50 and prorate \$9,312.50 to the remaining eight proposals according to committee worksheet points. One no vote. Motion carried.

The following was awarded:

Organization	Event or Project	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Bagley Fire Department	Thunder in the Valley	\$2500.00	\$1187.03
Boscobel Farmers Market	Promo Billboard	\$687.50	\$687.50
City of Boscobel	Reliving our Heritage	\$2500.00	\$1554.44
Cassville Tourism Committee	Car Ferry Days	\$2500.00	\$1285.94
Grant County ATV/UTV Alliance	Maps	\$2500.00	\$1625.09
Lancaster/Fennimore Chambers of Commerce	Road Construction Signs	\$2500.00	\$1073.98
Lancaster Public Library Foundation & Performance Plaza Committee	Performance Series	\$2500.00	\$918.53
Platteville Chamber of Commerce	Day on the Farm	\$2500.00	\$932.66
Potosi Foundation	Tour Promotion	\$2500.00	\$734.83

Sandy Leibfried, Grant Regional Health Center Foundation, was present to request use of the Youth & Agriculture from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on April 29, 2017.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to waive the fee for Grant Regional Health Center Foundation for use of the Youth & Agriculture on April 29, 2017 for a mini medical school program. Motion carried.

Agent reports were given by Ted Bay, Bev Doll, Kory Stalsberg, Donna Peterson and James Schneider.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to move to closed session per statute 19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Also, to invite Pat Schroeder to attend the closed session and hold it in the Conference Room of the UW-Extension Office. Roll call vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to return to open session in the South Room. Motion carried.

Bev Doll requested permission to pay an existing LTE employee at a higher rate for an LTE Clerical position instead of the established rate.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to pay an existing LTE employee \$13.17 for an LTE Clerical position instead of the established rate of \$10.29. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by John Patcle, to approve UW-Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Vehicles stored during the winter months have been moved out of storage. Soundboards were hung in the Eckstein Exhibit Hall.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to approve grounds and maintenance vouchers. Motion carried.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

Ross Fritschka from Progo Productions attended the meeting and held a conference call with an associate to discuss information with the committee regarding Wifi access. Jeff Anderson felt the committee requested the right information.

Fairbook changes were discussed for the photography and swine departments. Livestock Auction Committee suggestions for swine include holding weigh in times at 1:00-3:00 p.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. and adding gilts to be shown and sold with barrows. It is recommended to give Tim Slack Auction four all-event passes, with the Livestock Auction Committee and Fair Committee each covering half of the cost.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Grant Loy, to accept the fairbook changes and provide four all-event passes to Tim Slack Auction. Motion carried.

Amy requested to attend the IAFE Zone 4 Meeting.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by John Patcle to have Amy attend the IAFE Zone 4 Meeting in Bloomington, MN on March 20-22, 2017. Motion carried.

4-H Out of State Exchange would like to hold a raffle at the fair.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Grant Loy, not to allow the 4-H Out of State Exchange raffle request, as similar requests have been turned down. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the swine barn.

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by John Patcle, to sign a contract with Dairyland Antique Tractor Pullers (\$430). Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Mark Stead, to sign a contract with the ATV/UTV & Garden Tractor Pullers (\$350). Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Grant Loy, to sign a contract with South Central Wisconsin Tractor Pullers (\$4300). Motion carried.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to sign a contract with Docs Ultimate Entertainment (\$800). Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to approve the contract with Bungart Motorsports, LLC for the sled for tractor pulls Friday and Saturday night (\$2250/night + room). Motion carried.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Mark Stead, to approve Fair and Fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

An invoice was received in February 2017 from the Lancaster Vet Clinic for the amount of \$600 for 3 dogs @ \$200 each that were picked up in December 2016. The 2016 dog money had already been disbursed. It was recommended that Bob Keeney confer with Corporation Counsel.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Mark Stead, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stead
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary