

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION  
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING  
Monday, May 15, 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, Mike Lieurance, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Bev Doll, Lori Vesperman, Ted Bay, James Schneider, Kory Stalsberg, Charisse Orth, Donna Peterson, Adam Riley, Margaret Yearous, Becky DeBuhr and Ron Brisbois.

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.

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to approve minutes of the meeting held April 17, 2017 with correction. Motion carried.

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

Adam Riley, a 4-H member, gave a presentation on the PILD Conference he attended that was held in Washington, D.C.

Becky DeBuhr was present to request a reduced rate for the Alzheimer's Walk fundraiser using the Eckstein Exhibit Hall in September, 2017.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to waive the fee for use of the Eckstein Exhibit Hall on September 29 & 30, 2017 for the Alzheimer's Walk fundraising event. Motion carried.

Margaret Yearous presented a proposal from the Grant County 4-H Adult Leaders Association for projector equipment, screens and also speakers where needed, in the Youth and Agriculture Center. The proposal includes installation and the cost of electrical work for the project.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to accept the donation from the Grant County 4-H Adult Leaders Association for placement of projector equipment, screens and speakers (where needed), in the Auditorium, North Room and South Room of the Youth and Agriculture Center. Motion carried.

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

The snowmobile resolution was presented to the committee.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Grant Loy, to send the snowmobile resolution authorizing participation in public funding for snowmobile trails for the 2017-2018 snowmobile year, on to the full County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Bev Doll gave a nEXT Generation update.

Bev informed the committee that the Interim Education positions have been offered contracts to extend through the end of 2017.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to agree to the extension of contracts for the Interim 4-H Youth Development Educator and Interim Community Resource Development Agent through 2017. Motion carried.

Ron Brisbois, Grant County Economic Development Director, presented the Revolving Loan Application for KJ Cold Storage, Muscoda. The loan is for \$100,000 at a rate of 2.75% for a term of 5 years. Collateral will be a mortgage lien on the property and a personal guarantee from the primary owner. The business will be a 100,000 square foot cold storage warehouse located in Muscoda's industry park and will create 10 new full-time positions. The village of Muscoda has sold the company 10.4 acres of land.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Grant Loy, to send the KJ Cold Storage Revolving Loan application to the full County Board recommending passage of this loan. Motion carried.

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by John Patcle, to approve UW-Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

M & M Concrete will do the concrete work in front of the Youth & Agriculture Center between May 15 and 31.

Discussion was held on the location of vehicles and animals for sales and shows held in the Livestock Facility and other buildings on the Fairgrounds.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by John Patcle, to approve grounds and maintenance vouchers. Motion carried.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

Grandstand events were discussed.

Amy continues to work on sponsorship and promotion for the 2017 Fair.

Amy sent vendor contracts out for the organizations working the food and beer stands.

In case of rain on Thursday evening, an alternative date for fireworks will be discussed at that time.

All event ticket sales at a cost of \$25 each will start June 1 for the entire month of June.

Amy applied for a grant through Badgerland Financial for bleachers for the swine barn. The cost of three sets would be \$6,540.

Amy is on schedule with sponsorship and promotion.

Amy is in contact with TDS and Spectrum regarding internet service at the Fairgrounds. Amy and Lori will work together to get the most feasible plan for the Fair Office and UW-Extension Office.

A visit to view the swine barn at the fairgrounds in Lodi is scheduled for May 18.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Dan Timmerman to sign contracts with the bands TKO, Renegade and Adam Bartel. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Grant Loy, to sign a contract with Queen B Radio for the Newline Real Estate Country Showdown. Motion carried.

The committee will judge posters promoting the fair after the meeting.

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

Motion by Grant Loy, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to pass livestock claims in the amount of \$675 onto the full County Board with the stipulation that all requested information agreed to in the contract is shown on the invoices. Yes votes - 3, no votes -3, County Board Chair broke the tie with a result of 4 yes to 3 no. Motion carried.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stead  
Secretary

Lori Vesperman  
Recording Secretary