

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION  
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, November 9, 2017  
1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Roger Guthrie. Present, in addition to Guthrie were John Patcle, Grant Loy, Mike Lieurance, Mark Stead, Dan Timmerman, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Bev Doll, Lori Vesperman, Paul Ohlrogge, James Schneider, Donna Peterson, Gene Schriefer, Jenny Dixon Charisse Orth and Keith Dalsing. Mike Lieurance was excused from the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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 Grant Loy, seconded by John Patcle, to approve the amended agenda moving Swine Building to the first item with KD Engineering Consultants present. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to approve minutes of the meeting held October 16, 2017. Motion carried.

Keith Dalsing, KD Engineer Consultants, presented sketches showing options for the swine barn.

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

Agent reports were given by James Schneider, Donna Peterson and Bev Doll. Paul Ohlrogge introduced Gene Schriefer, Iowa County Agriculture Agent, who is covering Grant County during the time the Agriculture Agent position is vacant. Gene spoke on his willingness to help out during this time.

The Grant County Agriculture Education position description was discussed. The plan is that the Grant County Educator will have an emphasis in Dairy and Livestock. The committee voiced their concern about the time delay of having no Agriculture Educator in Grant County. Paul informed the committee that he would like the Agriculture & Extension Education Committee to have input on the position description along with hiring an applicant.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to move to closed session per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Roll call vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Mark Stead, to return to open session. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Grant Loy, to sign the amended UW-Extension Agent contract 133-PRJ89UB for July1-December 31, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to approve UW-Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Maintenance staff is working on winterizing buildings, winter storage is at full capacity, Facility Dude update was given, maintenance computer work station was replaced and surveillance cameras were purchased to monitor dumpsters on the grounds due to unauthorized dumping.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to approve grounds and maintenance vouchers. Motion carried.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

Amy contacted the ATV/UTV pullers and they will get back to her.

Amy gave an update on internet service at the Fairgrounds. An intern plugged the modem in and checked access points. Testing showed there were low access points. Additional configuration needs to be done for better connection.

Amy gave an update on policy implementation. On the advice of Randy Peterson, TRICOR Insurance, camping on the Fairgrounds will continue to be handled as is presently done, still accepting donations. The building maintenance fee agreement is complete and will go into effect starting in 2018.

Fairbook changes were discussed.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Dan Timmerman, to have Wednesday vet check in time at the fair from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. This time frame will include swine, goats, poultry and rabbits only. Thursday's schedule will remain the same. Motion carried.

Amy is getting quotes for tents from Thunder Showers. BelAir will provide updated pricing to Amy.

Motion by Dan Timmerman, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to approve Fair and Fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Grant Loy, to approve the livestock claim in the amount of \$540 to the Grant County Humane Society and send on to the full county board for approval. One no vote. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stead  
Secretary

Lori Vesperman  
Recording Secretary