

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 21, 2018

9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Bob Keeney. Present, in addition to Keeney were Roger Guthrie , John Patcle, Mark Stead, Mike Lieurance, Gary Northouse, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Paul Ohlrogge, Lori Vesperman, James Schneider, Bev Doll, Charisse Orth, Amanda Cauffman, Donna Peterson, Shane Drinkwater, Matt Graney and Sara Burks.

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 agenda. Motion carried.

Reorganization of the committee with election of officers was held.

Mark Stead nominated Roger Guthrie for chairman. John Patcle nominated Mark Stead for chairman. Mark respectfully declined. Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Roger Guthrie as chairman of the committee. Motion carried.

Mark Stead nominated John Patcle for vice chairman. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Mark Stead to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for John Patcle as vice chairman of the committee. Motion carried.

Mike Lieurance nominated Mark Stead for secretary. Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by John Patcle to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mark Stead as secretary of the committee. Motion carried.

Chairman Roger Guthrie presided over the rest of the meeting.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to approve minutes of the meeting held April 16, 2018. Motion carried.

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

Agent reports were given by Amanda Cauffman, Bev Doll, Charisse Orth, James Schneider and Donna Peterson.

Paul Ohlrogge gave the Area Extension Director Update. He shared an overview on Cooperative Extension for the new committee member. Paul informed the committee that James Schneider's interim contract will be extended through December 2018. Since the position James was hired for was posted as interim position, James will not be offered the CRD Educator position, the position will need to be reposted. The 4-H Youth Development Educator position will be posted the end of June and screened in July. The interim position held by Charisse Orth has been extended until September 1.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by John Patcle, to approve UW-Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Amy spoke with Jerry Vesperman about mowing the parking lot. The summer maintenance LTE, Gary, will start the week of May 23. Manure was spread on the track. The fairgrounds received 20 cement blocks from the new building construction site at no cost.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

Amy updated the committee on sponsorship, advertising, the Fairbook and entertainment.

Contracts for the food stand and beer stand at the Fair have been sent out. The food stand will be opening early on Friday. Contact has been made with the American Legion to work admission gates. Paul Esser will bring sheep for muttin bustin. The fairbook is online. 4-H packets with fair entry forms are ready. All but two judges have been confirmed. Grandstand events have been confirmed.

Amy gave an update on the swine barn. The first bill from Wolf's Construction in the amount of \$113,672.30 is due with \$81,961.70 due upon completion.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by John Patcle, to approve the first payment to Wolf Construction in the amount of \$113,672.30. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a change order for the swine barn. Jesse, Arrow Electric, suggested the electrical be run underground to the dairy barn, boring under the blacktop.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to approve a change order to put the electrical power underground. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the June 8 tractor pull. Pending the long range forecast, Amy will secure rain insurance. Discussion was held on food stand, track prep, volunteers needed, deputy on duty and other details.

Amy suggested the movable bleachers need to be reinforced. The cost is estimated at \$502 per set.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to reinforce the movable bleachers. Motion carried.

Matt Graney and Sara Burks were present to discuss a five-year plan for arena improvements.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse, to allow West Grant Saddle Club to do Phase 1 of arena improvements. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on scales. Amy contacted Capital Scales regarding the rent of two scales for

Wednesday and Thursday weighins at the 2018 Fair.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, to rent two scales from Captial Scales for \$650 total for the 2018 Fair weighins. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mark Stead, to sell one of the older scales to Murray Dairy & Refrigeration as is. Motion carried.

Contracts for the 2018 fair were signed with Dairyland Antique Tractor Pullers for Friday night (\$400), Gotta Dance Academy of Performing Arts for Friday afternoon (\$300) and TKO band for Friday night (\$200).

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to approve fairground vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve the livestock claim in the amount of \$450 to the Grant County Humane Society and send on to the full county board for approval. Motion carried.

Advance all-event tickets will be sold in the month of June.

Amy made Fair Convention reservations for January 6-9, 2019.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, to adjourn. Motion carried.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, June 18, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stead
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary