

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 4, 2019

9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Roger Guthrie. Present, in addition to Guthrie were Mark Stead, Mike Lieurance, Gary Northouse, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Paul Ohlrogge, Lori Vesperman, James Schneider, Amanda Cauffman, Charisse Orth, Mark Hoehne, John Tydrich, Matt Crist and Jason Kleppe. John Patcle 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 Gary Northouse, seconded by Mark Stead, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to approve minutes of the meetings held December 3 & 17, 2018 and January 7, 8 & 9, 2019, with correction on January 9. Motion carried.

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

Agent reports were given by James Schneider, Amanda Cauffman and Charisse Orth.

Discussion was held on the 2018 Tourism Grant balance. James informed the committee that the Mississippi River Parkway Commission had a delay in their project while working with the DOT on signs.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, to carry funds in the amount of \$1,750 over to 2019 and no longer. Motion carried.

Paul Ohlrogge gave the Area Extension Director update. He held a staff meeting with Grant County and will plan to do so approximately nine times a year. Area 17 staff will be meeting in Dodgeville on February 11.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Mark Stead to have Jenny and Lori attend the 4-H Online training in Ladysmith with Charisse on February 12. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to approve UW-Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

The tables Amy ordered are in. A wet/dry vacuum was ordered. She will get a quote from Fritz on a new furnace. A memorial bench will be donated by the Rech family.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

Mark Hoehne, Presbyterian Church, was present to request use of the Youth & Ag Center the day prior to their pancake supper for setup.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, to waive the fee for the Presbyterian Church to set up the day prior to their pancake supper. Motion carried.

John Tydrich, representing the Lancaster Wrestling Club, was present to discuss use of the Eckstein Hall and Crops Building for a fundraiser. Youth 4-K through 12 grade benefit from the club. The committee acknowledged the Wrestling Club's involvement in the Fair activities and the donation made after last year's fundraiser.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to allow the Lancaster Wrestling Club use of the Eckstein Exhibit Hall and Crops Building for a fundraiser on July 27, 2019, waiving the fee and accepting a donation. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, to keep all admission prices the same for the 2019 Fair.

Amy shared progress on sponsorship, trophies, judges and events for the 2019 Fair. The Fairest of the Fair Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 7.

Discussion was held on entertainment for the 2019 Fair.

Matt Crist, Lafayette County Speedway, was present to discuss the races to be held on June 29, 2019, and the Fair race. Grant County will be responsible for beer sales at the June 29 race. Amy will be getting a contract from Kari Ruf for both events to be signed at the next meeting.

A benefit tractor pull will be held June 7 with all proceeds going to the new swine barn. Jason Kleppe, Southwest Pullers, presented a proposal to the committee.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mark Stead, to sign a contract with Southwest Pullers for the tractor pull on June 7, 2019. The cost of \$7,000 includes the entire show and announcers. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to sign a contract with Farm Bureau for 2019-2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse, to sign a contract with Mr. Steve for the 2019 Fair (\$1,500). Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, to sign the contract with Kindschi for the Pedal Tractor Pull (\$663.50). Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to sign a contact with C & C Bucking Bulls for the 2019 Fair (\$13,000). Grant County is responsible for an extra \$3,000 in prize money. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve fairground vouchers.
Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the WAF Convention held in January.

Amy will apply for the DRA Grant.

Discussion was held on the non-lapsing funds policy.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to pay livestock claims in the amount of \$600 to the Grant County Humane Society. The County Board approved the claims at the January meeting, contingent upon this committee's approval. Motion carried.

Amy is working on the Pork Supper Fundraiser and will bring posters to the next meeting to hand out.

Dan Timmerman contacted Amy regarding the fair beer tent being a location for an ATV/UTV fundraising event the Grant County Tavern League is having. Participants would come to the fair beer tent to get their book stamped. The cost to the fair is \$25.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stead
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary