

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION  
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 17, 2019

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, Gary Northouse, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Paul Ohlrogge, Lori Vesperman, Amanda Cauffman, Bev Doll, James Schneider, Charisse Orth, Donna Peterson, Heather Moore, Pat Klug, Stephanie Moore, Tim Pitzen, Gail Pitzen, Carina Pitzen and Ashley Pitzen. Mike Lieurance was excused.

The meeting notice was posted at the 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 Gary Northouse, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve minutes of the meetings held May 20 and June 5, 2019. Motion carried.

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

Heather Moore, representing The Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance, requested a reduced rate for the Alzheimer's Walk fundraiser in September, 2019.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to waive the fee for use of the Eckstein Exhibit Hall on September 27 & 28, 2019 for the Alzheimer's Walk fundraising event. Motion carried.

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

Paul Ohlrogge gave the Area Extension Director update. He shared handouts of the Guidelines on the Educational Roles of County Extension Educators at County Fairs. Committee members were given a handout covering the dissolution of WACEC and creation of WEXA.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Gary Northouse, to sign the Consent Resolution of the Members of Associated County Extension Committees, Inc., covering the plan for dissolution of WACEC. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by John Patcle, to approve Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Donation benches have been put in place, landscaping worked on and ceiling in the Crops Building repaired.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

Pat Klug shared information regarding cooling of the kitchen in the Livestock Facility during fair time.

Stephanie Moore spoke on behalf of her daughter, Sydney, who couldn't be present at the meeting, requesting leniency for the swine id deadline. Tim and Gail Pitzen, along with daughters Carina and Ashley Pitzen, requested the same.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Mark Stead, to deny the late swine id requests. Motion carried.

A contract has been signed with Badgerland Midways Carnival. Amy hopes to have the Mega Passes by the end week.

Brochures and posters are done. Banners will be ready in the middle of July.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve signed contracts with Maple Street Day Care for the grandstand food stand, and Lancaster Sluggers for the grandstand beer stand. Motion carried.

Lafayette County Speedway asked the committee to run the beer stand at the stock car races on June 29. All profits will go toward the swine barn.

Discussion on the June 7 tractor pull was held.

The pre-fair meeting with superintendents and food/beer stand organizations will be held Thursday, August 1, at 5:30 p.m.

Amy would like to advertise the Fair on a Lamar sign available by Kieler.

Discussion was held on repairs to the race track area. Amy will be getting quotes to put in the 2020 budget.

Discussion was held on moving the entertainment tent further south from the grandstand to eliminate obstruction by the straps for access to the east side of the grandstand. Amy contacted Bel-Aire and can get a smaller tent that is twin-polled at a higher cost.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by John Patcle, to approve fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to approve the livestock claim in the amount of \$150 to the Grant County Humane Society and send on to the full county board for approval. Motion carried.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, July15, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stead  
Secretary

Lori Vesperman  
Recording Secretary