

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION  
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 21, 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, Mike Lieurance, Gary Northouse, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Paul Ohlrogge, Amanda Cauffman, Bev Doll, James Schneider, Dick Wiedenbeck, Gary Munson, Brandi Riechers and Joe Krantz.

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 Gary Northouse, seconded by John Patcle, to approve minutes of the meetings held August 1 and September 16, 2019. Motion carried.

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

Dick Wiedenbeck, Lancaster FFA Alumni, requested to use 40 tables for their annual breakfast and toy show.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by John Patcle, to allow Lancaster FFA Alumni the use of tables at no cost. Motion carried.

Agent reports were given by James Schneider, Bev Doll and Amanda Patterson. Paul shared Donna Peterson's report.

Brandi Riechers was present to request a reduced rate for a Grant Regional Foundation fundraiser to be held in the Youth & Ag Center.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to waive the fee for use of the Youth & Ag Center for the Grant Regional Foundation Chili Contest fundraising event on November 24, 2019. Motion carried.

Paul Ohlrogge gave the Area Extension Director update. Paul thanked the committee for their support with the 2020 budget. The FoodWise Educator position has been reposted. Mid-point evaluations for Educators were completed. Application deadline for the Health & Well Being Coordinator position for Green/Lafayette closes today, October 21. Paul shared his appreciation to James Schneider for receiving an award from CLA and inviting Paul's family. Paul handed out a position description for the Regional Water Quality Educator position.

The snowmobile resolution was presented to the committee.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by John Patcle, to send the snowmobile resolution authorizing participation in public funding for snowmobile trails for the 2019-2020 snowmobile year, on to the full County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Gary Munson, Platteville Dairy Days, offered to donate recycling containers to the Fairgrounds for use during the Grant County Fair, and to be kept on the grounds. Amy will check with Faherty to see what the dumpster fee is for recycling materials, and if mixed waste is acceptable.

Maintenance staff is cleaning and winterizing the barn to prepare for vehicle storage. The swine barn will also be used for storage. A furnace for the Youth & Ag Center will be installed before the end of the year.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

Joe Krantz presented a three-year contract year for the demo derby and night of destruction.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to sign the three-year contract with Hard Hit Promotions for the demo derby and night of destruction. The cost will be \$12,500 with Platinum Sponsorship. Motion carried.

Recap of the 2019 fair was held. Amy handed out reports with the consensus being that overall it was a good fair.

Entertainment for the 2020 fair was discussed.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Mark Stead, to continue having two tractor pulls at the Fair and send the contract to Bungart Motorsports. Motion carried.

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Mark Stead, to have Tri-State Truck and Tractor Pull Friday night of the Fair, adding a semi class. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Lieurance to approve admission cost to the 2020 fair at \$12 for season passes and \$6 for daily gate entry. Motion carried.

Amy asked who was planning to attend the WAF Convention at the Chula Vista in January 2020 to make reservations.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Mike Lieurance, to accept Lancaster Sluggers contract for use of the Eckstein Exhibit Hall in 2020. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Roger Guthrie, 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.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, to adjourn. Adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stead  
Secretary

Lori Vesperman  
Recording Secretary