

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, August 17, 2020
9:00 a.m.

The August 17 meeting was held by Zoom and called to order by Chairman Pat Schroeder. Present in person were Chairman Schroeder, Roger Guthrie, Mark Stead, John Patcle, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Paul Ohlrogge, James Schneider, and Charisse Orth. Present by Zoom were Amanda Degenhardt, Garry Pluemer, Dave Timmerman, Gary Northouse, Amanda Cauffman, Donna Peterson, and Bev Doll. Mike Lieurance is not present, but excused from the meeting.

The meeting notice was posted at the Extension Office, Youth & Agriculture Center, Administration Building, on the Grant County website and mailed to media.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by John Patcle, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve minutes of the meetings held July 13, 2020. Motion carried.

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

Educator reports were given by James Schneider, Amanda Patterson, Charisse Orth, Donna Peterson and Bev Doll. Charisse present to the board the Camp in a Box that she and Jenny Dixon have been working on for 4-H kids. The box is full of activities for 4-Her's to do this summer.

Paul gave the Area Extension Director update. At this time Educators will continue telecommunicating, following UW guidelines. He conducted mid-term reviews of the agents. Discussion was held on UW-Extension Madison budget and Grant County budget through UW-Extension and how the budget may look for 2021. Paul will be meeting with Grant County Department Heads soon for further discussion on the 2021 budget and bring a final draft back to the board.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Mark Stead, to approve Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

Amy Olson gave the grounds and maintenance and Youth & Agriculture Center report. A new furnace was installed last week in the Youth & Ag Building which now concludes the last of the three being replace. Amy mentioned to the board that the large tree by the open dairy barn needs to come down this fall. Pat is going to reach out to Sprague Brothers to see if they would just cut it down for us. Brian and Brenda will cut it up once it's down. If that doesn't work Amy will call Bill Hamilton to see if he would be interested. Livestock Barn show area has been painted along with the bathrooms and kitchen area.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds Business.

Discussion was held on our annual WAF Convention in January of 2021 and who will be attending.

District Fall Meeting this year will be held Thursday, September 17, via zoom. Amy will set up the meeting at the Youth & Ag Building for the fair board to attend.

The 2021 budget was discussed for the Fair and Youth & Ag Center. These were preliminary amounts shown at this time until the Grant County Department Heads can meet. Amy will attend that meeting and bring back a final budget to the board for approval at a later date.

Discussion was held on our Drive-in Movie Night. We all thought it was a very successful night and impressed with how everyone that attend was respectful of the grounds and other people.

They were very appreciative of what we did.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to adjourn. The next regular scheduled meeting will be planned for September 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Stead

Amy Olson
Recording Secretary