

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION  
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING  
Monday, November 16, 2020  
9:00 a.m.

The November 16 meeting was held in the South Room of the Youth & Agriculture Center and by Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Schroeder. Present in person were Chairman Schroeder, Roger Guthrie, Mark Stead, John Patcle, Mike Lieurance, Gary Northouse, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman and Shane Drinkwater. Present by Zoom were Paul Ohlrogge, James Schneider, Amanda Cauffman, Bev Doll, Donna Peterson, Charisse Orth, Kathi & Vinnie Mead.

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

Motion by John Patcle, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve minutes of the meeting held October 19, 2020. Motion carried.

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

Educator reports were given by James Schneider, Amanda Cauffman, Donna Peterson, Bev Doll and Charisse Orth. James presented information on the Grant County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP).

Paul Ohlrogge gave the Area Extension Director update. All counties in Area 17 approved the 2021 budgets. Paul thanked the committee for their support.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded Mike Lieurance, to approve the 2021 contract between Grant County and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by John Patcle, to approve Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Amy would like to purchase containers for garbage at fair time that can be moved with a skid steer.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds Business.

Fair meetings in 2021 will continue to start at 8:30 a.m. with carnival joining at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion was held on how to do steer weigh-ins.

In Amy's role as a district director for Wisconsin Association of Fairs she is part of a team that created a grant application for all 74 Wisconsin Fairs to apply for relief money in the amount of \$25,000-\$100,000 each. The amount awarded would depend on the size of the fair determined by the average income over the last 3 years. A total of \$5 million is being requested. Grant County could be eligible to receive \$75,000.

Motion by Mike Lieurance, seconded by Roger Guthrie to send the grant onto the full county board if the application passes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Stead, seconded by Roger Guthrie to accept signed leases from Lancaster Jaycees and the Lancaster Sluggers. Motion carried.

Amy applied for a COVID-19 Live Music & Entertainment Venue Grant. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded Gary Northouse, to accept the grant if awarded. Motion carried.

The Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention will be attended as a group if it goes virtual.

Amy gave a final report on the Movie Night. The profit was \$1,632.36 which included a \$2,000 grant.

The 2021 carnival was discussed with Kathi & Vinnie Mead. Plans for improvements include another ticket booth for a fast line for those with pre-purchased wristband tickets. They purchased benches to place around. Amy will also have picnic tables set out. A plan is in place for cleaning and sanitizing rides.

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

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse, to pay livestock claims in the amount of \$155 to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Mark Stead, to adjourn. The next regular scheduled meeting will be planned for January 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., with a December meeting at the call of the chair.

Adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Stead

Lori Vesperman  
Recording Secretary