

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/
FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, July 18, 2022
9:00 a.m.

The July 18 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, Gary Northouse, Joe Mumm, Kathy Kopp, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Lynn Perkins, Shane Drinkwater, James Schneider, Amanda Cauffman, Charisse Orth, Kathy Lange, Cari Schaffer and John Myers. Present by Zoom were Tonya White and Amanda Degenhardt. Porter Wagner was excused.

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 Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to approve minutes of the meeting held June 20, 2022. Motion carried.

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

Educator updates were given by Amanda Cauffman, Charisse Orth and James Schneider.

Lynn Perkins gave the AED update. She introduced Kathy Lange as the new FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator for Area 17 covering Grant, Iowa, Lafayette and Green Counties. Kathy shared information on her position.

Charisse shared that the 4-H Adult Leaders Association would like to donate a video conferencing system for the Youth & Ag Center to allow ease of remoting into meetings. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse, to accept the donation of a video conferencing system from the 4-H Adult Leaders.

The proposed 2023 Extension budget was presented. Motion Gary Northouse, seconded by Joe Mumm to approve and pass on the budget with changes. Motion carried.

Grant County Tourism Grant budget was discussed. It will be put on the next Extension meeting agenda.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Maintenance is prepping for the fair. A part time maintenance person was hired for two days a week. The water pump went out of the tractor. Brian replaced it. Maintenance is making a ramp for the pig scale. New breakers will need to be put in the dairy barn before fair.

The proposed 2023 Youth & Ag budget was presented. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp to approve and pass on the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Amy Olson presented Fair and Fairgrounds Business.

Committee members received comments of concern regarding the ID and weighing process of swine at the Fair. To streamline the process pigs will be weighed and tagged immediately when unloaded from trailers, then taken to their pens. Each pig will be weighed once. Designated responsibilities of those helping will be in place ahead of time.

Cari Schaffer and John Myer of the Grant County Humane Society presented a proposal to receive a percentage of their annual budget from Grant County's yearly budget. Committee members want to do more research.

Contracts were presented for Lancaster Wrestling Club and Nate Gallagher. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse, to accept contracts as presented. Motion carried.

Outstanding fair persons were chosen.

Grandstand food prices were discussed due to an increase in purchase prices.

Fred from Social Services asked if the fair would consider donating passes or tickets to foster children. Due to tight budgets it is not possible to do so.

The committee will meet in the Conference Room in the Extension Office at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday and Friday, and at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. There will be no Zoom capability. Nightly closing scheduled during the fair was set. Rain insurance was discussed. They will watch the forecast closer to fair dates and discussed at the next meeting. The DRA grant application details were discussed.

The proposed 2023 Fair budget was presented. Motion Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Guthrie to approve and pass on the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Amy gave the Fair Director's report. There will be a hunger relief give out on July 25. Committee members will help pack and distribute boxes.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to pay livestock claims in the amount of \$1,600 to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried

The next meeting will be August 4 with superintendents and food and beer stand organizations.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse, to adjourn.

Kathy Kopp
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary