

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/
FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, November 21, 2022
9:00 a.m.

The November 21 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, Porter Wagner, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Lynn Perkins, Shane Drinkwater, Amanda Cauffman, Charisse Orth, James Schneider, Bev Doll and Kathy Lange. Present by Zoom were Bobbi Jo Riedl and Garry Pluemer.

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 Kathy Kopp, seconded by Joe Mumm, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to approve minutes of the meeting held October 17, 2022. Motion carried.

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

Educator updates were given by Bev Doll, Amanda Cauffman, Charisse Orth, James Schneider and Kathy Lange.

Lynn Perkins gave the AED update. There is an accepted offer for the FoodWise Coordinator position with a start date of November 28. The 2023 Educator Contract was signed by the committee.

A discussion was held on Wisconsin Farm Technology Days. The committee will invite Arnie Jenneman, Wisconsin Farm Technology Days General Manager, to attend the February 20, 2023, meeting.

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

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

In addition to daily cleaning and maintenance, water has been turned off and buildings winterized. The race track entrances were closed off to vehicles. Most of winter storage vehicles are in. A tree in front of the Youth & Ag Center has been removed. The stump will be removed next spring. Lancaster Youth Wrestling will be using the Youth & Ag Center for practice again in 2023.

Christmas 4 Kids has asked to use a room in the Youth & Ag Center at no cost to sort donations they received.

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Discussion was held at a Grant County Highway Department meeting about using cement blocks from the fairgrounds for an area where a guard rail project was not able to be completed. Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Kathy Kopp to allow the Grant County Highway Department to use the Fairgrounds' cement blocks.

Grant County Fair and Fairgrounds Business

Due to tent price increases cost for vendor space will need to be reviewed. Prices for the All-Event Tickets will also need to be reviewed. Moving Lego exhibits from the Eckstein Exhibit Hall to Youth & Ag Center for space reasons will be further discussed.

Mike and Sarah Blume signed and returned an agreement regarding the Grant County Fair Code of Conduct and future behavior and discipline.

Fairbook changes were discussed. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Joe Mumm, to accept proposed changes that will benefit both exhibitors and the Fair. Motion carried. Fairbook changes will be published in a future 4-H ECHO.

Movie Night for 2023 will be held June 9. John Wilkinson reached out to Amy and all costs for the event will be covered by the Grant County Legion.

Amy shared the schedule and plans for the Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention being held in January.

Amy gave the Fair Director's report.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to approve fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to pay livestock claims in the amount of \$320 to the Grant County Humane Society. The County Board approved the claims at the November meeting, contingent upon this committee's approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Gary Northouse, to adjourn until January 23. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Kathy Kopp
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary