

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/  
FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING  
Monday, January 23, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

The January 23 meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Extension Office at the Youth & Agriculture Center and was called to order by Chairman Pat Schroeder. Present in person were Chairman Schroeder, Roger Guthrie, Joe Mumm, Kathy Kopp, Porter Wagner, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Amanda Cauffman, Charisse Orth, Dick Keene, Erin Crooks, Matt Kreul, Jeff Bahl, Chad Wieland, John Wilkinson, Jr., and Andrew Kreul. Gary Northouse 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 Joe Mumm, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Porter Wagner, to approve minutes of the meetings held November 21, 2022 and January 8, 9, 10, 11, with a correction for the January 10 minutes. Motion carried.

#### Grant County Fair and Fairgrounds Business

John Wilkinson, Jr., from the Grant County American Legion, was present to share their organization will sponsor the entire cost of Movie Night to be held June 9.

Matt Kreul requested to use the Eckstein Exhibit Hall and the restrooms in the Crops Building on July 22, 2023, for the Southwest Wisconsin Tractor Ride. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Porter Wagner, to allow the Southwest Wisconsin Tractor Ride group to use the Eckstein Hall and restrooms in the Crops building at no cost. Motion carried.

Prices for vendor space were discussed. Motion by Kathy Kopp, seconded by Porter Wagner, to increase commercial tent prices. Outside space footage will go from \$10 to \$12 per foot for 20 feet and under and from \$5 to \$7 per foot for 21 feet and over. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on fair admission prices due to increases in expenses. Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Roger Guthrie to increase all event passes and grandstand admissions, and adjust daily gate fees. Upon further discussion Porter rescinded his motion and Roger rescinded his second. Amy will bring more information to next month's meeting in order to have further discussion on this.

Animal drug testing was discussed. Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to change the structure of the wording in the fairbook regarding drug testing at the Grant County Fair. Motion carried.

The Code of Conduct for the Grant County Fair was discussed. Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Porter Wagner, to change the appeals committee to be the Grant County Fair Committee in A4. Motion carried.

Jeff Bahl would like a three-year contract for their Full Throttle event at the fairgrounds. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Joe Mumm, to accept a three-year contract with Full Throttle. Motion carried.

Chad Weiland was present to discuss tractor pulling at the fair. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Porter Wagner, to have Chad and Amy work on a contract for a pull prior to the start of Badger State Thursday night. Amy can sign the contract. Motion carried.

Swine weights for the fair were discussed. The weight limits will stay the same.

Follow up discussion was held on the WAF Convention.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to sign a contact with Mr. Steve for the Kids Tent for the 2023 Fair. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to sign a contract with the Party Company for \$1,800 for the movie for Movie Night. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Porter Wagner, to approve November and December fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

Reminder to Committee the Fairest of the Fair Banquet is May 4.

Amy will talk further with WGLR for Sunday entertainment in the Alternative Recycling Entertainment Tent.

Amy gave the Fair Director's report.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to adjourn until February 20. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Kathy Kopp  
Secretary

Lori Vesperman  
Recording Secretary