

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/
FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 27, 2023
9:00 a.m.

The March 27 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, Joe Mumm, Porter Wagner, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Lynn Perkins, Shane Drinkwater, Amanda Cauffman, Charisse Orth, Bev Doll, Jenna Phillips, Linda Hahn, Terry Timmerman, Donna Laufenberg and Mark Hoehne. Present by Zoom were James Schneider and Chris Halverson. Gary Northouse and Kathy Kopp were 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 Roger Guthrie, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Joe Mumm, to approve minutes of the meeting held February 20, 2023. Motion carried.

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

Educator updates were given by Bev Doll, Amanda Cauffman, Charisse Orth and James Schneider. Lynn shared Maggie Milcarek's and Kathy Lange's reports.

Lynn Perkins gave the AED update. She introduced Jenna Phillips as the Regional Farmers Market Coordinator and Jenna gave a report. Lynn reported on updated signage for Extension that was paid for by the state Communications Department. Ideas for Extension reporting to the full County Board were discussed. It was suggested to initially do a brief in person report in May or June, followed by a paper or email report quarterly.

Farm Progress Days Scholarship applications were reviewed. Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Porter Wagner, to award the Farm Progress Days Scholarship to Hope Connolly. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Wisconsin Farm Technology Days and will continue at a future meeting. In between time committee members will see if there is interest from public members.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Joe Mumm, to approve Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

The incandescent lights in the barn need to be replaced. Maintenance will put in LED bulbs.

Amy has been in contact with Dakota Supply Group out of LaCrosse to get prices for tools.

Amy has received a quote for a new door opener for the Youth & Ag Center from Zephyr Aluminum in the amount of \$3,985. Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Joe Mumm to replace the door opener. Motion carried.

Linda Hahn, Grant County Cancer Coalition, was present to request a reduce rate or no charge for use of the Youth & Ag Center for their 2023 fundraising event. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Joe Mumm, not to charge a fee for use of the Youth & Ag Center for their event on September 16. Motion carried.

Grant County Fair and Fairgrounds Business

Discussion was held with Terry Timmerman regarding a two-wheel drive truck class at Thursday's night pull at the Fair. Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Joe Mumm, to add a two-wheel drive truck class to the Badger State Tractor Pull for a cost of \$3,000. Motion carried.

Chris Halverson, CMJ Raceway, shared proposals for the Friday night Grandstand event. Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Porter Wagner, to hold a Super Cross event for a cost of \$6,200.00. Motion carried.

WGLR will host Juke Box Bingo from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday of the Fair in the Alternative Recycling Entertainment Tent. The cost is \$595.

The District Fair Meeting is being at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells on April 12. This will be the location of all future District Fair Meetings.

Bennett's Automotive Service can put the plow from the old truck on the new truck for a cost between \$1,200-\$1,500. In addition, it will need a wear bar. The committee advised Amy to place an ad in the paper advertising the old truck for sale, as is, asking a minimum offer of \$2,500.

Dairy Cheese sale at the Junior Fair Livestock Auction was discussed. Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to accept rule changes for sale of dairy cheese as recommended by the Livestock Auction Committee. Motion carried.

A member from Farm Bureau approached Amy after the 2022 fair with interest in sponsoring a tent for an eating area. After further discussion with Farm Bureau they would be more interested in taking over the Ag Tent sponsorship as they are the workforce behind manning that tent.

Pastor Mark Hoehne and Donna Laufenberg, from First Presbyterian Church, voiced their gratitude for use of the Youth & Ag Center and Eckstein Hall for a place to hold their events and occasional worship services. In appreciation they would like to donate \$4,000 for the purchase of tables/chairs for the Youth & Ag Center.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Joe Mumm to sign contracts for Juke Box Bingo and Doc's Ultimate Entertainment.

Amy gave the Fair Director's report.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Joe Mumm, to approve fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Porter Wagner, to pay livestock claims in the amount of \$320 to the Grant County Humane Society. The County Board approved the claims at the March meeting, contingent upon this committee's approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Gary Northouse, to adjourn until April 17. Motion carried.

Kathy Kopp
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary