

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/
FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 17, 2023

9:00 a.m.

The July 17 meeting was held in the Extension Office Conference Room at 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, Bev Doll and Jackie McCarville. Present by Zoom was Tonya White

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 Roger Guthrie, seconded by Joe Mumm, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve minutes of the meeting held June 19, 2023. Motion carried.

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

Educator updates were given by Bev Doll and Jackie McCarville. The FoodWise report was shared with the committee.

Lynn Perkins gave the AED update. The Regional Livestock Educator position has been posted as was the Iowa County Health and Well Being position. Approximately \$300 will be returned to each Area 17 county for unused travel funds the counties provided to the Regional Agriculture Educators travel fund.

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

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

Light fixture repairs have been completed on three poles and the wiring and electrical box on one.

Maintenance is working on the grandstand foodstand area. Extra hire help is needed during fair to clean restrooms. Amy will get in contact with Joyce to see how to proceed.

Cement is done in the Open Show Barn and sawdust will be filled in. Cement is being worked on around the Livestock Facility.

Discussion was held on the 2024 budget with the Fairgrounds Master Plan being reviewed. The Grasshopper lawnmower needs to be replaced. Amy should check with Sloan for prices.

Grant County Fair and Fairgrounds Business

Discussion was held on rain insurance. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to purchase rain insurance for Thursday and Saturday nights of the fair. Motion carried.

Grandstand and entertainment events were discussed. Night closing schedule and committee responsibilities for fair were discussed.

Motion by Porter Wagner, seconded by Joe Mumm, to accept contracts for Big Cat Eddie and food and beer stand contracts with Bloomington Sportsman Club, Knights of Columbus, Lancaster Sluggers and Saint Clements School. Motion carried.

Amy contacted Harris Golf for prices on cart rental. She is finalizing vendors for the fair to map out space. She will place yard signs this week.

Amy gave the Fair Director's report.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Porter Wagner, to approve fairgrounds vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Porter Wagner, to pay livestock claims in the amount of \$160 to the Grant County Humane Society. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Porter Wagner, to adjourn until August 3 for food and beer organizations and superintendents meeting. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Kathy Kopp
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary