

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/  
FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING  
Monday, January 29, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

The January 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, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Lynn Perkins, Bev Doll, Jackie McCarville, Jordyn Sattler, Jenny Dixon, Chad Wieland. Present by Zoom were Tonya White, Charisse Orth and Chris Halverson. Porter Wager 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 Roger Guthrie, seconded by Joe Mumm, to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve the minutes of the meetings held December 4, 2023 and January 7, 8, 9, 10, 2024. Motion carried.

Educator updates were given by Bev Doll and Jackie McCarville. Charisse Orth is on maternity leave; Jenny Dixon reported on the 4-H program area. Jordyn Sattler, Area 17 Crops & Soils Educator, introduced herself. She started January 16 and her home office is in Green County. Lynn Perkins shared Maggie Milcarek's report.

Lynn Perkins gave the AED update. Area 17 Regional Livestock Educator, Kim Kester, will start on February 20. Her home office will be in Lafayette County. State Extension Specialist Bill Oemichen, an attorney in government law, education and training, contacted Lynn looking for office space. He will have an office in Iowa County Extension office and has offered his services to Area 17 as reciprocity for space. An offer is expected to be made on January 30 for the Iowa County Human Development Relationship Educator.

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

#### Grant County Fair and Fairgrounds Business

Floors are being waxed between events. There are furnace issues in the Youth & Ag Center. It was recommended to check into replacing furnaces to due problems getting replacement parts because of the age of the furnaces. The Livestock Auction Committee will be paying for a new speaker system in the Livestock Facility Pavilion for better acoustics during the shows and auctions.

Amy, Joe & Charisse met with goat project members and superintendents. After the meeting a survey was sent to goat project families. The Ag & Extension/Fair Committee had a lengthy discussion on information that was gathered from both the meeting and survey responses. The Committee will hold an in-person meeting with project members of all species that are in the livestock barn, including dairy.

Discussion was held on tractor pulls for the 2024 fair was held with Chris Wieland.

Chris Halverson, CMJ Raceway, will hold the Super Cross event, same as in 2023, for the same cost of \$6,200.00. Practice laps start at 5:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. show.

Fairest of the Fair banquet is May 7 at 6:00 p.m.

The Zone Meeting is March 17-19 in St Cloud, Minnesota. Amy was asked to also be on the planning committee for the IAFE Convention in 2024.

Discussion was held on eliminating the eating tent and moving the kids tent to the location of the eating tent and adding more picnic tables. This would eliminate the cost of one tent. The wood carver tent can be placed between the Eckstein Hall and Jaycees building. The theme of the 2024 Fair is "It's Kind of a Pig Deal." Amy gave a 2024 fair update. Grandstand events, strolling acts and other entertainment were discussed.

Motion by Kathy Kopp, seconded by Gary Northouse, to have Miss Wisconsin come to the 2024 fair. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Roger Guthrie, to sign contracts for Gotta Dance, CMJ Raceway, Hard Hit Promotions and Mr. Steve. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Badger State Tractor Pullers proposal. A contract will be coming.

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

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve the livestock claims in the amount of \$960 to the Grant County Humane Society. The County Board approved the claims at the January meeting, contingent upon this committee's approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathy Kopp, seconded by Joe Mumm, to adjourn until February 19, 2024. Motion carried.

Kathy Kopp  
Secretary

Lori Vesperman  
Recording Secretary