

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/
FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, November 18, 2024
9:00 a.m.

The November meeting was held in the Extension Office Conference Room at the Youth & Agriculture Center and by Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Joe Mumm. Present in person were Vice Chairman Mumm, Pat Schroeder, Gary Northouse, Kathy Kopp, Mark Vosberg, Bob Keeney, Nate Dreckman, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, James Schneider, Charisse Orth, Kim Kester, Lynn Perkins, Denny Noble and Ann Vosberg. Present by Zoom were Shane Drinkwater, Tonya White, Bev Doll, Maggie Milcarek, Julia Harman, Jenna Cairn Phillips, Jackie McCarville and Chris Halverson. Roger Guthrie was excused. Pat Schroeder was excused at 10:30.

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 Gary Northouse, seconded by Mark Vosberg, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Vosberg, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 21, 2024. Motion carried.

Educator reports were given by Bev Doll, James Schneider, Charisse Orth, Kim Kester and Maggie Milcarek. Jenna Cairn Phillips, Regional Farmers Market Coordinator, gave a presentation to the committee. James Schneider presented a letter to the Committee stating his intention to leave his position as Community Development Educator no later than June 30, 2025.

Lynn Perkins gave the AED update. She is working on getting the joint Green/Lafayette County Human Development and Relationship Educator position posted. The 2025 Educator Contract was presented. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse, to sign the contract striking #4, Exhibit A, Delegation of Financial Budget Authority for the Area Extension Director. Motion carried.

Bob Keeney shared the Memorandum of Understand Between UW-Madison Division of Extension and Grant County dated Final: October 16, 2024. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to accept the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Mark Vosberg, to approve the Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Repair work has been completed on the water leak coming from a pipe behind the Farm Bureau stand. The Lancaster city building inspector will look at the three poles repaired in the dairy pole shed to see if they are compliant so work can continue on the remaining poles.

Fair and Fairgrounds Business.

Chris Halverson, CMJ Raceway, proposed the same contract as 2024. Discussion was held on adjustments to be made to ensure safety cautions are in place.

Discussion was held regarding Open Class Livestock Departments with input from Denny Noble, Ann Vosberg and Tom Jentz. The consensus is to leave as is for the 2025 Fair. Motion by Mark Vosberg, seconded by Gary Northouse, to leave Open Livestock Departments as is for the 2025 Fair. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on fair contests and competitions. It was decided to form a committee for the Master Showmanship Contest since exhibitors of multiple species participate. Superintendents on the Livestock Auction Committee will be included in discussions regarding the contest.

Amy shared a tentative schedule for the Fair Convention January 5-8, 2025 in Wisconsin Dells.

Fairbook changes to help with ease of entry to the fair were discussed. Motion by Mark Vosberg, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to make uniform changes focusing on grade levels, not units and specific projects, to make the entry process for exhibitors less complicated. Motion carried.

Rope testing for swine will be discussed at the January meeting. Martech Blue Ribbon software is being discontinued. Discussion was held on future software plans. Grandstand Entertainment was discussed. The recycling event held on November 2 was recapped.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mark Vosberg, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to accept the livestock claim in the amount of \$160 and pass on to the County Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Vosberg, seconded by Gary Northouse, to adjourn until January 5 at Fair Convention. The next regular scheduled committee meeting is January 27. Motion carried.

Kathy Kopp
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary