

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/  
FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING  
Monday, May 19, 2025  
9:00 a.m.

The May 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 Roger Guthrie. Present in person in addition to Guthrie were Joe Mumm, Pat Schroeder, Gary Northouse, Kathy Kopp, Bob Keeney, Nate Dreckman, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, James Schneider, Bev Doll, Kim Kester, Jordyn Sattler, Lynn Perkins and Craig Reukauf. Present by Zoom were Tonya White and Grant County Herald Independent.

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 Pat Schroeder, seconded by Joe Mumm, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 21, 2025. Motion carried.

Mark Vosberg resigned from the County Board. County Board Chair Bob Keeney is working on finding a replacement.

Educator reports were given by Bev Doll, James Schneider, Charisse, Kim Kester and Jordyn Sattler. Lynn shared Maggie's report.

Lynn Perkins gave the AED update. She shared that the House Committee on Agriculture proposed to eliminate SNAPED dollars which includes funding for FoodWise. Interviews were held for the new Rural Economic Development Specialist position with Extension. They are down to three finalists. She gave a recap of the Community Needs Discussion held May 6 with educators giving feedback.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve the Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Maintenance staff is working on replacing poles in the Open Dairy Barn. There are bleachers in the pit area that need to be disposed of due to poor condition and safety hazard. Boards in good condition will be given back to the organization that donated them.

#### Fair and Fairgrounds Business

A Supreme Champion and Supreme Reserve Champion will be selected from the swine show to be eligible to sell in the sale of champs at the livestock auction.

The Friends of the Fair Committee met to work on the 501(c)3 application. Sloan Implement gave money to help cover the cost for filing 501(c)3 forms to start the foundation.

Amy would like to apply for a Compeer Financial General Grant to get bleachers for the Open Show Barn. Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve Amy applying for the grant and present to the County Board. Motion carried.

All Event Tickets are available for sale June 1-30 for \$35.00. The cost after June 30 is \$40.00. Amy would like to add walking barbeques to the Grandstand Food Stand menu. All judges except for poultry are confirmed. Julien's Journal contacted Amy to do an article on the Fair. Returned survey results show the majority of swine exhibitors choose to stay with the terminal show and the majority of goat exhibitors do not want to sell cheese. Tonya White and the County Clerk's Office will be in charge of the puzzle competition Thursday night during the Fair. Line dancing will be held in pavilion of the Livestock Facility from 8:00-10:00 p.m. on Saturday night. The poster contest will be judged after today's meeting.

Contracts were signed with Holy Crow and Second Generation Bands. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse, to have Amy sign contracts for the bands, food and beer organizations, and other contracts as needed. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathy Kopp, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Grant County Sheriff, Craig Reukauf, attended the meeting to present a stray dog proposal. The plan includes having a temporary shelter at the Sheriff's Department. The Dubuque County Humane Society and Richland Area Rescue in Richland Center would also be utilized. Fees would apply.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse, to send the stray dog proposal on to the full county board. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Joe Mumm, to adjourn until to the stage to judge posters. The next scheduled meeting is June 16, 2025. Motion carried.

Kathy Kopp  
Secretary

Lori Vesperman  
Recording Secretary