

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, April 2, 2010

9:00 a.m.

UWEX Conference Room

Lancaster, WI

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Adrian. Present, in addition to Chairman Adrian were Lynn Moris, Bob Keeney, Vince Loeffelholz, Kyle Vesperman arrived late, Ted Bay, Dolores Schwantes, Joe Lolwing, Louis Kaiser, Keith Simmons, Mark Hoffman, Linda Hahn, Audrey Johnston, Sheri Rehmus, Tom Neis, Bloomington Fire Department Representative, West Grant Lions Club Representative, Paul Thares, Betsy Olson and Dave Timmerman.

Motion by Bob Keeney, seconded by Lynn Moris, the meeting was in compliance with the open meeting law. Motion carried.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Bob Keeney, to approve the second amended agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob Keeney, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz, to approve the minutes of the meetings held March 15 and 24, 2010. Motion carried.

Keith Simmons was present to discuss races the week of the fair.

Motion by Bob Keeney, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz, to pursue a contract with SPI (Simmons Promotion, Inc.) to host races at the 2010 Fair on Wednesday, August 18. Motion carried.

Louis Kaiser, Crime Stoppers, was present to discuss using the Youth & Ag Center.

Motion by Lynn Moris, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz, to waive the fee for Crime Stoppers use of the Auditorium on May 17 for set up for their event on May 18. Motion carried.

Linda Hahn was present to discuss the Cancer Walk.

Motion by Bob Keeney, seconded by Lynn Moris, to waive the fee for the Grant County Cancer Coalition's use of the Youth & Ag Center on Saturday, June 26, 2010 for their cancer walk. Motion carried.

Mark Hoffman was present to discuss llamas as a 4-H project.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Lynn Moris to have a llama exhibit at the 2010 Fair. Two llamas will be on display from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 21. Motion carried.

Ted Bay presented UW-Extension business.

Farm Progress Days scholarships were reviewed.

Motion by Bob Keeney, seconded by Lynn Moris, to grant Farm Progress Day Scholarships to applicants Andrea Pagenkopf and Tyler Kirschbaum. Motion carried.

Paul Thares discussed the interim posting for the Community Resource Development position.

Joe Lolwing gave the grounds and maintenance report. Joe ordered sealer for the grandstand through the highway department sales person. It was placed with another order to reduce the cost. He contacted Craig Hollingsworth to let him know the horse barn may be taken down. Joe should contact a professional roofer to look at the fairground buildings roofs to get recommendations on repairs. The committee suggested the roof on the cooler should be replaced. Joe will do a trial power wash of the grandstand for a half hour to see what progress is made and form a time frame of how long the whole project would take. Joe should clean up unusable salvage at his discretion on fairgrounds. Joe will proceed with protocol regarding the list of items in the horse barn, which means sharing the list with public property to receive direction of what should be done with the items. Joe reported that Dennis Abing will have the electrical work done in the barn before the 2010 fair. Lights should not be replaced in the buildings until a walk through is completed and recommendation received from Focus on Energy. Joe will find an area to store the shelving for the crops building. The concrete project on west side of the barn should be left as is at this time.

Discussion was held on the horse barn and it was decided that at this time it will remain standing.

Information was received from Delta 3 on conducting a study of equipment changes for energy savings for the Youth & Ag Center.

Motion by Lynn Moris, seconded by Kyle Vesperman, to proceed with the feasibility study proposal from Delta 3 in the amount of \$10,680, contingent upon Focus on Energy report of amount it will match. Motion carried. One no vote.

Dolores Schwantes presented Fair and Fairgrounds business.

Representatives from Southwest Opportunities, Bagley First Responders and Blakes Prairie Fair were present to discuss operating the food and beer stands during the 2010 fair.

Vince reported that Allied Stone will donate two loads of gravel to the Fairgrounds which is graciously accepted.

Dolores reported that 82 replica tractors for the 2009 Grant County Fair were sold.

Motion by Kyle Vesperman, seconded by Bob Keeney to choose the Outstanding Fair Persons for the 2010 Fair. Motion carried.

The Junior Fairest of the Fair information was shared with 4-H clubs and schools. Letters and rules about the poster contest were sent to schools' art departments and 4-H clubs. The prizes for the poster will be \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place and \$10 for third place. Grades 7 through 9 are eligible to participate.

Dolores made contact with building committee members Joe Pink, Carson Alcorn, Nikki Wetter, Mary Wackershauser, and Kyle Vesperman. She attempted to reach John Reding.

Discussion was held on The Lyle Foley Band playing at the 2010 Grant County Fair.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Lynn Moris, to offer \$200 to the Lyle Foley band to

play at the 2010 Grant County Fair. Motion carried. One no vote.

Betsy Olson informed the committee that the 4-H Adult Leaders decided not to sell 50/50 raffle tickets at the 2010 fair. There may be some 4-H clubs interested.

UW-Platteville would like to use lamb gates for a show pig sale at the farm.

Motion by Bob Keeney, seconded by Kyle Vesperman to allow UW-Platteville to use lamb gates from the livestock facility for their pig sale, and suggested they consider giving a donation to the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Lynn Moris, to allow Vesperman Farms to use the walk in cooler at the Grandstand for temporary storage of plants for a donation of \$100. Motion carried. Kyle Vesperman abstained.

Motion by Bob Keeney, seconded by Vince Loeffelholz to allow Southwest Wisconsin Technical College to use the fairground facilities for their Public Safety Expo in July. They will be charged for utilities. Motion carried.

WGLR Holiday Auction Committee had briefly discussed sponsoring Senior Citizens Day at the fair, however a new sponsor already made the offer. They are still looking at ways to possibly be involved in the fair.

Motion by Vince Loeffelholz, seconded by Kyle Vesperman, to adjourn until April 19, 2010. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Vesperman
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary