

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, July 18, 2013
James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

Members Present: Nancy Barker, Guy Hegg, Susan Locke & Tom Snider

UW-Extension Staff: Chris Kniep, Sarah Thompson, Melody Piper

Others Present: Mike Elder - Facilities, Rob Way - Parks, Tom Egan - Fair Board President and Chuck Farrey- Winnebago County District 30

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Nancy Barker.

Comments from the Public related to items on the agenda - none

Motion to approve the June 20, 2013 meeting minutes: Guy Hegg/Tom Snider. Committee member Hegg requested the following sentence be stricken from the June 20th meeting minutes: *“Committee member Hegg shared his views on how committee meetings should be scheduled”* and be replaced with the comments he had shared. Hegg will draft the language he would like inserted. Motion to approve the June 20, 2013 minutes is held over to the August 15th meeting.

Program Reports:

Fair Association: Tom Egan, Winnebago County Fair President updated the committee on the 2013 County Fair. The fair board is in need of generators for the event. Rob Way (Parks) will look into locating some. There is also a need for Cloverbud and Barn Judges. Committee members Susan Locke and Nancy Barker volunteer for Cloverbuds. Chuck Farrey volunteered to be a Barn Judge.

Storage Building Updates: Mike Elder (Facilities) announced a tour of the storage buildings is scheduled Monday, July 22nd at 10:30 a.m. during a Facilities Committee meeting. Tom Egan suggested Facilities Committee members visit the garages on the Expo grounds during the week of the County Fair as they would be mostly empty and provide a more complete perspective of the condition of the buildings.

The resolution introduced by Chuck Farrey regarding the repair of the garages on the Expo grounds will be re-visited by the Facilities Committee following the tour.

Committee member Hegg left the meeting following the Storage Building discussion.

4-H Youth Development: Sarah Thompson, 4H Development Coordinator, reported Cloverbud Camp finished this week, with 24 children attending. Upham Woods Summer Camp starts July 22nd, 67 campers and 16 counselors will be attending. Sarah is providing leadership to the summer 4-H programs during Rene Mehlberg's leave. The entire staff has been working with Sarah on tasks related to the County Fair.

Department Budget: Chris Kniep reviewed the 2014 budget proposal that has been submitted to County Executive Mark Harris. Kniep noted significant changes in budget line items. A new line item was added to accommodate a request for a new department vehicle. The budget confirmation hearing will be August 16th. Committee Chair Nancy Barker and Chris Kniep will attend the meeting.

WACEC Survey: Chris Kniep asked the committee members some questions from a WACEC survey. Responses will be submitted to the Regional Director.

UWEX Up-dates: Most of the educators and staff are preparing for the Fair and the summer camps.

Staff Up-dates: René Mehlberg has been on Family Medical Leave since June 24th, Chris worked with Human Resources and the state to get a back fill person for 4-H programs. Sarah Thompson is filling the position.

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Comments by Committee Members: Nancy Barker thought it might be nice to have park benches outside the Coughlin Building, for when people are waiting for meetings to begin.

Next Meeting: August 15th, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn: Tom Snider/ Seconded by: Susan Locke, Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned: 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Melody Piper
Recording Secretary