

UW EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017
UW EXTENSION CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Committee members present: Lyle Lieffring, Alan Rathsack and Ken Pedersen. Staff present: Charmaine Johnson. Appearances by: Karrie Groothousen, RRYC Coordinator; Paula Carow, TEC Board of Trustees; and Ron Freeman, Rusk County Jr Fair Board Chair.

CALL TO ORDER: Lyle Lieffring, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: *Motion to approve the January 3 minutes by Ken with second by Alan. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

JUNIOR FAIR BUSINESS:

A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT: Ron reported that they met on January 18. They're working on an alternative to a carnival. They are still working on Thursday and Friday night events.

B. JR FAIR CONTRACT APPROVAL: Contract for Home Grown Tomatoes for Friday night at \$750 and contract for Kid Again Inflatable Fun Shows for Friday through Sunday for \$8000. *Motion to approve contracts by Ken with second by Alan. Motion carried.*

B. APPROVAL OF NEW JR FAIR BOARD MEMBERS: No action.

TRAILS END CAMP BUSINESS:

A. TRUSTEE REPORT: Paula reported that the trustees were planning upcoming events including Farm Show and the Dairy Breakfast. Also brainstorming on everything they want to do at Trail's End including maintenance, projects, types of users and policies. Paula would like more input with the budget and more accountability with the bills and how equipment gets broke down between different budgets. She will talk to Mike about this.

B. MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT: No report.

C. NEW TRUSTEE APPROVAL: When Joe Baye resigned Andy Johnson agreed to be the Boy Scout rep. He now wants back on the board so will be the School Rep since he tutors in the schools. This position was vacated by Brian Guthman. *Motion to approve Andy Johnson and Joe Baye as trustees by Alan with second by Ken Pedersen. Motion carried.*

FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS

A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT: Mike was not present. Charmaine reported that there were some cleanup issues with the Jaycees using the Log Cabin. She notified the Jaycees and they took care of the problems.

B. USAGE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION: Agreements received for Coggins Clinic on 4/15, LWCD Tree Sale April 17 through May 1, Livestock Weigh-In on 4/29, Rusk County 4-H Horse Training & Practice every Thursday and Saturday from May 4 through Sept. 7 (there are few dates that conflict so will note that on confirmation), Tractor Safety June 19-22, and Equestrian Youth Horse Show July 29 – 30. *Motion by Ken with second by Alan to approve usage requests. Motion carried.*

C. LIVESTOCK SOUND SYSTEM PROPOSAL: The Livestock Committee submitted a proposal to replace the sound system at the fairgrounds. There would be no cost to the county. The Livestock Committee will ask

other project committees if they would like to contribute to have their barns be upgraded as well. *Motion by Lyle with second by Ken to approve the approval and send it on to Property. Motion carried.*

RECYCLING BUSINESS

- A. COORDINATOR REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE ON OUTREACH, VIOLATIONS, & SITES:** Charmaine reported on her activities for the month and gave a year end report. The Cleansweep report is done also. She had a site attendant training last night that was well attended.
- B. POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF CFL RECYCLING PROGRAM:** Focus on Energy won't allow the CFL recycling boxes anymore since we do not sell bulbs. Boxes can be purchased through Veolia but at a greater cost. Discussion on whether to continue the program. Consensus was to continue program and purchase CFL recycling boxes with non-lapsing funds.

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS:

- A. 4-H/YD AGENT ACTIVITY REPORT:** Clover Plunge will be February 18 during the Fun on the Frozen Flambeau with jumping to begin at Noon. Karrie stopped in and introduced herself and explained the aspects of Rusk Restorative Youth Programs.
- B. 133 CONTRACT:** The contract is for UW Extension services in Rusk County and is effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Pete reminded Lyle that the County Board Chair and County Clerk must sign the contract. *Motion to approve the 133 Contract for 2017 by Lyle with second by Ken. Motion carried.*

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET REVIEW: Charmaine gave an update of where we currently are at with each budget.

REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS: Paula requested that bills for a booth at the Farm Show and an ad in the fair book be approved and paid out of the Trail's End budget and not be made to pay it out of non-lapsing funds as happened last year. *Motion by Ken with second by Lyle to approve the bill report and bills for farm show and fair book ad. Motion carried.*

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7 at 8:30 a.m. in UWEX Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Ken with second by Al. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.