

**UW EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

**PRESENT:** Committee members present: Lyle Lieftring, Alan Rathsack, Tom Hanson, Gary Swoverland and Ken Pedersen. Staff present: Cory Verdegan, Karrie Groothousen and Charmaine Johnson. Appearances by: Mike Naczas, Building & Grounds Supervisor; Paula Carow, Trail's End Trustees Chair; Ron Freeman, Rusk County Jr Fair Board Chair; Judy Srp, Jr Fair Board Secretary; Frank Ginther, Pierce Cty 4H Agent; Julie Keown-Bomar, NW Regional Office; Ted East, Administrative Coordinator; Randy Tatur, County Board Vice-Chair; and Pete Boss, County Board Chair.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Lyle Lieftring, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** *Motion to approve the June 6 minutes by Ken with second by Al. Motion carried.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Judy talked about the 2018 Rusk County Rodeo. She met with JoAnn Williams who would be the organizer and she thought the fairgrounds would work for the event during next year's fair. There would be no cost to the county and the fair would benefit by increase gate sales.

**EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS:**

- A. 4-H/YD AGENT ACTIVITY REPORT:** Cory reported they had 25 kids for the babysitting clinic and has been preparing for camp with 90 kids with a space theme. Committee members are welcome to stop out and see what is happening.
- B. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT REPORT:** Karrie reported activity in all 5 program areas including work done with youth development.
- C. DISCUSSION ON PROGRAM RESTRUCTURING WITH JULIE & FRANK:** Lori Baltrusis was named the Area Extension Director of our region. She will be the county's first contact and will evaluate our needs and handle the budgets. Went over different scenarios with different positions and their job duties. If we want to have the clover we need someone connected with the state. The State would like to see a viable Extension program and have the county maintain their current funding. Frank will work with Charmaine to maintain the current programming until the county makes a decision. Discussed having a 50% Program Assistant and a 50% Youth and Family Extension Educator but to hire one person to do both for continuity. Once position descriptions are out the State will notify the county.

**JUNIOR FAIR BUSINESS:**

- A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT:** Ron reported that they met June 11 and accepted Ray's resignation. They currently have 9 members. Next meeting will be July 9 at 6 pm at the Senior/Youth building where they will do a walk through for maintenance items if volunteering is not a possibility.
- B. JR FAIR CONTRACT APPROVAL:** None

**TRAILS END CAMP BUSINESS:**

- A. TRUSTEE REPORT:** Paula reported that they are now getting a listing of bills so there is improvement but still some issues. They had an additional wedding this month. They would like to see the electric system done earlier than in the fall. Discussed whether to spray or not and whether to charge for it. The Trustees

are hosting an all member meeting on Tuesday at Noon at the Visitor's Center. Discussed building bat houses for camp as a woodworking project.

- B. MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT:** Mike said the electrical upgrade for Ebling will not happen until fall in case there are problems with equipment or other maintenance issues that may happen during the summer.
- C. 2018 BUDGET:** Was unable to pull up budget due to technical difficulties but it will come in less than this year as we're predicting more revenue. Keeping R/M at \$9500.

#### **FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS**

- A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT:** Mike said he submitted several cost proposals to Finance to fix the roofs out at the fairgrounds.
- B. USAGE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:** Dairy Committee wants to meet in Dairy Barn tonight at 6:30 pm and the Jaycees want to borrow the stage and bleachers again. Will add a condition to the Jaycees equipment usage that the equipment must come back in a timely manner, put back where it came from and returned in the same condition it was taken. *Motion to approve usage agreements by Ken with second by Tom. Motion carried.*
- C. 2018 BUDGET:** Was unable to pull up budget due to technical difficulties but it comes in less than last year as there aren't any projected fairgrounds donations next year. Will keep R/M the same at \$20,000.

#### **RECYCLING BUSINESS**

- A. COORDINATOR REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE ON OUTREACH, VIOLATIONS, & SITES:** Charmaine reported on her activities for the month and gave a PowerPoint presentation on Cleansweep.

**CURRENT YEAR BUDGET REVIEW:** Reviewed each individual budget and discussed potential overages.

**REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS:** *Motion by Gary with second by Al to approve the bill report. Motion carried.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 1 at 8:30 a.m. in UWEX Conference Room.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Gary. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.