

UW EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

PRESENT: Committee members present: Lyle Lieffring, Alan Rathsack, Tom Hanson, Gary Swoverland and Ken Pedersen. Staff present: Cory Verdegan, Karrie Groothusen 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; Lori Baltrusis, Area Extension Director; and Ted East, Administrative Coordinator.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: *Motion to approve the July 5 minutes by Al with second by Ken. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS:

- A. 4-H/YD AGENT ACTIVITY REPORT:** Cory reported they had 123 kids total at camp.
- B. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT REPORT:** Karrie reported activity in all 5 program areas including work done with youth development.
- C. DISCUSSION ON PROGRAM RESTRUCTURING:** Ted reported that Lori, Lyle, Pete, Cory and himself met to fill Lori in on where the county wants to go. They suggested a .5 Program Assistant and .5 Youth Educator which would pull in the family education piece. They want a replacement soon but there are a lot of openings throughout the state. They hope to have a replacement by October 1 or a later date. Lori covers Barron, Burnett, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn counties. Counties are supposed to turn in a wish list for their budget and the state will see if they can provide the bodies. They are rehiring to have someone here 5 days a week.
- D. RRYP OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL:** Karrie requested to go to the Restorative Conferencing training in Madison on October 19-20. *Motion to approve request by Ken with second by Tom. Motion carried.*

JUNIOR FAIR BUSINESS:

- A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT:** Ron reported that next Wednesday the exhibits start being judged and Thursday is the ribbon cutting. There will be a carnival coming for free, the Milwaukee Bucks street team will be coming on Thursday and radio ads started today. Ken questioned why none of the Ag papers run anything about the Rusk County Jr Fair but they do all of the others. It was recommended we contact WEAU for an interview as well. Yard signs are out and the next meeting is Sunday night.
- B. JR FAIR CONTRACT APPROVAL:** The carnival contract was revised by owner. *Motion to approve the carnival contract by Ken with second by Tom. Motion carried.* The eliminator for the Truck and Tractor pull was the same in previous years but an additional \$100. *Motion to approve eliminator contract by Ken with second by Al. Motion carried.*

TRAILS END CAMP BUSINESS:

- A. TRUSTEE REPORT:** Paula reported that the Girl Scouts came in yesterday and next year will be opening camp up to non-Girl Scout members. The trustees hosted the Chamber All-Member meeting and did a PowerPoint. Lot of people asked questions.

B. MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT: Mike looked at a commercial freezer on auction but it was too old. May have to purchase a new one. That's why he likes to hold off projects in case emergencies like this come up.

FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS

- A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT:** Mike said his crew has been painting a lot and the SE corner water line broke by mower. The 4H tin building needs exit lights and emergency lighting.
- B. USAGE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:** None.
- C. ATV/UTV USE DURING JR FAIR:** Request to allow usage of ATV and UTV's for fair purposes only. *Motion by Ken with second by Al to approve. Motion carried.*

RECYCLING BUSINESS

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

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

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5 at 8:30 a.m. in UWEX Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Gary. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.