

UW EXTENSION EDUCATION & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018
UW EXTENSION CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT: Committee members present: Lyle Lieffring, Alan Rathsack, Tom Hanson, Kathy Vacho and Terry DuSell. Staff present: Charmaine Riddle, Jenna Behrends and Karrie Groothousen. Appearances by: Ron Freeman, Jr Fair Chair; and Lori Baltrusis, Northern District Director.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: *Motion to approve the September 4 minutes by Terry with second by Kathy. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

JUNIOR FAIR BUSINESS:

A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT: Ron reported that they had a meeting on September 16. There will be no Leaf it to Rusk event this year. Today they are hosting the District Conference meeting at J & S Supper Club, they have 3 members expiring, removed one member and have one new member. They formed a sub-committee for the rodeo and they will meet with them tomorrow at 6 pm to begin negotiations. Received the bill from H & R electric for the electrical upgrades at the fairground at \$21031.87 with a donation of \$3025 for a total of \$18006.87.

B. 2019 BUDGET: Ron took the went submitted budget to Finance and it was approved as is. *Motion to approve the budget by Lyle with second by Terry. Motion carried.*

C. APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBER AND MEMBER TERM RENEWAL: Motion by Al with second by Tom to approve the renewal of Terry, Dave and Connie and approve the addition of Scott Andres to the Jr Fair Board. Terry abstained. Motion carried.

TRAILS END CAMP BUSINESS:

A. TRUSTEE REPORT: Charmaine said the Open House was canceled and they just had their last group out at camp. Will be winterized soon.

B. MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT: None

FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS

A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT: Charmaine said they would be winterizing after their last events this weekend.

B. USAGE AGREEMENTS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION: Bruce Equestrian Club would like to have a Horse Retreat at the fairgrounds on October 6. *Motion by Al with second by Kathy to approve. Motion carried.*

RECYCLING BUSINESS

A. COORDINATOR REPORT INCLUDING UPDATE ON OUTREACH, VIOLATIONS, & SITES: Charmaine passed out some fliers for the collection on October 13. Had a complaint of a business not having a recycling dumpster. Completed the 2019 grant.

B. 2019 RECYCLING GRANT: Charmaine had to wait to complete the grant until the budget was passed and the grant had to be submitted no later than October 1st. Requesting maximum amount of \$82,022. *Motion to approve by Terry with second by Tom. Motion carried.*

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS: Lori stated that Food Wise starts this week in 1st, 3rd and 5th grade in all schools. Barrown County hired Becky Schley as their Ag Agent and she started yesterday. She had a conversation with Pierce County who is interested in a 10-20% horticulture person and is looking to connect with other counties. Committee questioned how much it would cost.

- A. POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION EDUCATOR REPORT:** Lori said Jenna's report is in a new format based on her job description to help the Committee understand her role and the tasks she's supposed to be doing. Jenna said she is starting to settle in and understand her role. She was disappointed in the lack of club participation with Green & White Day. 4H info night tomorrow. LaCrosse county has a new member website and she will try to utilize that information. Megan Robers is interested in starting a Cloverbud Club for K – 2nd graders. Will have leader training in November.
- B. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT REPORT:** Karrie reported that Juvenile crime is down in Rusk County, finished up the Give 365 grant and closed a few traffic court cases. Will have kNOW class on November 17. Worked with RCYC on planning curriculum for We Are Change and attended Justin Patchin speaker on internet safety and cyber bullying which was very informative. She accepted a new position and starts October 8.
- C. OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL:** Jenna along with the Leader's Council president would like to go to Leader's Council meetings in Chippewa, Taylor and Barron County and a Winter Camp planning meeting on October 15. *Motion to approve by Terry with second by Al to approve. Motion carried.*
- D. APPOINT REP TO PROPERTY FAIRGROUNDS ELECTRICAL NEEDS SUBCOMMITTEE:** *Motion by Lyle with second by Kathy to appoint Tom Hanson the UWEX Rep and Terry the Jr Fair Rep. Motion carried. Al is the Property Rep.*

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET REVIEW: Charmaine went over the current budgets to date.

Kathy left at 9:51 am.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 6 at 8:30 a.m. in the UWEX Conference Room. Tom won't be able to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Tom. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.