

**JUSTICE, YOUTH & EXTENSION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023**  
**RUSK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, COUNTY BOARD ROOM, LEC**

PRESENT: Committee members present: Terry DuSell, Lois Goode, Jonathon Unterschuetz, Tom Cudo and John Kalepp. Rusk County staff present: Charmaine Riddle. Appearances by: Crystal Cleveland, Paralegal; Rich Gauger, RRYP Coordinator; Lori Baltrusis, Area 2 District Director; Mary Big Mountain, 4H & Community Youth Development Educator; Ashley Heath, Administrative Coordinator; and Jessica Wiles, Rusk County Fair Chair. Public: Erin Webster.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to Order by Chair, Terry DuSell at 4:02 pm.

MINUTES: *Motion to approve March 1, 2023 minutes by John K with second by Jon U. Motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

1. DRUG COURT REPORT

- A. MONTHLY REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: Ashley reported that it is going well with Drug Court participants. Out of County travel request for WATCP Annual Conference for Drug Court Team in Wisconsin Dells April 25-28. 10 will be in person and 2 virtual. Discussed funding and cost share. *Motion to approve out of county travel by John K with second by Tom C. Motion carried. Motion by Jon U to with second by Tom C to approve financing and forward request to Finance to pay registration and lodging fees out of county levy. Motion carried.*

2. RUSK RESTORATIVE YOUTH PROGRAMS

- A. MONTHLY REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: Rich played a portion of a Prime 4 Life training video that he uses with participants that has been very impactful.

3. DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPORT

- A. MONTHLY REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: Crystal reported that Karl Kelz will be the new Assistant DA and will start on Monday. The Jury trial with 5 medical witnesses was settled. As of 3/1/23 there were 90 cases under review with 62 referrals received in February.

4. CIRCUIT COURT REPORT

- A. MONTHLY REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: Lori sent committee information on court filings and debt recoupment. Request for Out of County Travel for Karie Kennedy to attend a Register in Probate Conference in Rothschild on 5/3/23. *Motion to approve by John K with second by Lois G. Motion carried.*

5. TRAIL'S END CAMP BUSINESS

- A. CARETAKER/MAINTENANCE STAFF REPORT: Charmaine reported that the trees that will be used for the pavilion were cut down and will be moved to the staging areas by horses. Inviting public to attend on Saturday beginning at 10 am. The Board will resume meeting in April.

6. EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS:

- A. EXTENSION REPORT, CURRENT YEAR BUDGET & OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL: Mary reported on Global Reach programming. Most participants were 5th graders and were able to talk to international youth living in WI. Highlighted 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report.
- B. APPROVAL OF WI-4H AMERI-CORPS POSITIONS: Rusk County is considered for 2 Ameri-Corps internships. Both will be 900 hours and run from September 2023 through May 2024. One would be for bringing STEM into Flambeau Schools and the second would be for a 4H Military Partnership where we would have a Youth Rep Statewide but housed in Rusk County. Would need a matching grant of \$2500 each. Would like to reduce the

summer intern to work on Ed Tent at the fair to 250 hours and then reallocate the remaining money to the Ameri-Corps positions. *Motion by Jon U with second by John K to recommend to Finance to reallocate funds for these 2 positions from wages to Contracted Services. Motion carried.*

## 7. FAIR BUSINESS

- A. JR FAIR BOARD REPORT: Jess reported that the Fair formed a Sub-Committee to work on the JLO Food Booth once the snow is gone. Will work with County Inspector. Charmaine reported that there was a Give 365 grant opportunity with a quick deadline. Typically, this grant is for 501c3 organizations but was told that the Fair could apply. She submitted a grant application for \$1250 to cover the balloon artist. ATV ride will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> and will leave from Audi Lake. The pavilion is reserved and there will be a meal following. Rusk Riders will lead the ride. Will go to warming shelter and then back. Will not stop at establishments. Livestock will meet tonight and since there are a lot of 4H members, they will have to get creative on space for the animals. Rodeo tickets are now on sale. Next meeting is April 16 at 6 pm in the LEC.
- B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS: Last month had the wrong date on the contract for Greg Pronschinske. Revised contract for the sled for Truck & Tractor Pull on 7/21 for \$1550. *Motion by John K with second by Lois G to approve the contract. Motion carried.*
- C. RENTAL OF INFLATABLES: The fair asked that they not rent them out. They would like to use them and get used to using them first. Katie contacted the company questioning the possibility of dry rot with minimal use. The company said that as long as they were in a heated area they would be fine.
- D. FAIR INTERN HIRE UPDATE: Hannah Blackstock will be the new Fair Intern and will start May 8. She is in high school so will work after school until school's out.
- E. APPROVAL OF NEW FAIR BOARD MEMBER JON RUNSTOM: *Motion to approve by John K with second by Tom C. Motion carried.*

## 8. FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS

- A. FAIRGROUNDS REPORT: No report.
- B. NEW BARN AND EXISTING BARN IMPROVEMENT UPDATE: Jess reported that Property didn't say no but put spending of ARPA funds on hold.
- C. FAIRGROUNDS USAGE AGREEMENTS: Requests for equipment usage for Gary Swoverland from 4/21 to 4/24, Livestock Weigh-In on 4/22, Dairy Breakfast on 6/17, Working Equitation Clinic/Show on July 29-31, Green & White Day was already approved but is now requesting the Log building and ball fields. If the equitation clinic is approved, will need to notify the Horse Project that they can't have 7/29. All long-term requestors are notified that they may be bumped should there be other requests. Fair requests that the Blue Hills Equestrian Club is notified that all stalls need to be cleaned out after their event as there has been problems in the past and this event is right before the fair. *Motion to approve agreements with discussed stipulations by John K with second by Jon U. Motion carried.* The Rusk County Fair and the Parker wedding in September are seeking Quiet Time exemptions. *Motion by John K with second by Jon U to grant the quiet time exemptions. Motion carried.*
- D. REVIEW OF FAIRGROUNDS CONTRACTS: Flambeau FFA - discussion on raising rates to \$500. *Motion by Tom C with second by John K to approve renewal of the contract with a tiered fee over 3 years of \$300 for year 1, \$400 for year 2 and \$500 for year 3. Fees will be capped at \$500. Motion carried.* Northland Community Club – discussed past usage issues. *Motion by John K with second by Tom C to table until next month when the group can be present. Motion carried.* Ladysmith Lions – discussed alcohol sale area designated in the contract and past addendums that were requested for Mud Bog area and food sales. Currently only allowed to sell alcohol directly adjacent to their building and pavilion. Should they wish to sell in the VIP area, an addendum must be requested. *Motion by John K with second by Tom C to approve renewal of the contract with a tiered fee over 3 years of \$300 for year 1, \$400 for year 2 and \$500 for year 3. Fees will be capped at \$500. Motion carried.* Committee invites all lessees to attend next month.

- 9. BILL REPORTS: Discussion on removing the word "Junior" from the bill report. *Motion to approve the bill report by John K with second by Jon U. Motion carried.*

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 3 at 4 pm in the Law Enforcement Center.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion to adjourn by Lois G with second by John K. Motion carried.* Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.