

JUSTICE, YOUTH & EXTENSION COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 1, 2023

Committee Present: T. DuSell, J. Unterschuetz, J. Kalepp and T. Cudo.

Others Present: C. Meyer, L. Rosemeyer, R. Gauger, A. Heath, J. Wiles, K. Kelz, J. Jacobs, C. Cleveland, L. Baltrusis T. Nussberger and C. Riddle

Public: E. Webster.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair DuSell at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 4, 2023

Motion by J. Unterschuetz, seconded by Kalepp to approve October 4, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Rusk Restorative Youth Programs Report

Rich Gauger gave a Monthly Report on the Restorative Youth Program, Current Year Budget and any Out of County Travel request.

Drug Court Report

Monthly Report, Current Year Budget & Out of County Travel

Rich Gauger gave a report on the two participants that are currently in the Recovery Court program and informed the Committee of an in-house training from the DOJ for the Recovery Court Committee.

Approve letter of appreciation to DOC for help with recovery court duties – Ashley Heath - Administrative Coordinator, is requesting to send a letter of appreciation to Elizabeth Pierce for her help with Recovery Court duties. Chair DuSell read the letter to the Committee for approval.

Motion by J. Unterschuetz, seconded by Kalepp to approve the letter of appreciation to Elizabeth Pierce for her help with Recovery Court duties. Motion carried.

Administrative Coordinator – Sheriff's Office – District Attorney's Office

Recovery Court Program - Ashley Heath, Administrative Coordinator read a letter giving concerns and a recommendation and read a letter from Ellen Anderson, District Attorney, Sheriff Wallace read his letter and Jeremy Jacobs also spoke on behalf of the HHS Department that involves the Rusk County Recovery Court. Discussion held.

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by J. Unterschuetz to enter into Closed Session at 4:46 p.m. All responded yes.

CLOSED SESSION – announced by Chair

Discussion of personnel issue pursuant to: Wis. Stat § 19.85(1)(f) for preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person involved in such personnel problems.

OPEN SESSION – at 5:42 p.m.

Motion by J. Unterschuetz, seconded by Cudo to replace the Drug Court program with a diversion alternatives program and forward recommendation to County Board in November. Motion carried.

District Attorney Report

Monthly Report, Current Year Budget & Out of County Travel – None.

Circuit Court Report

Monthly Report, Current Year Budget & Out of County Travel – Crystal Cleveland gave her monthly report and request for out of County Travel.

Motion by Cudo, seconded by Kalepp to approve the out of County Travel on November 2, 2023 for Nancy Hahn to Barron.

Motion carried.

Extension Office Business

Monthly Report, Current Year Budget & Out of County Travel – Lori Baltrusis informed the Committee that Mary Big Mountain gave her notice to end her employment on November 15, 2023, read a letter from Ameri Corp at the Flambeau School and Charmain Riddle gave the monthly report.

Trail's End Camp Business

Trustee Report – Charmaine gave a report/recap of the last Trustee meeting.

Caretaker & Coordinator Report - None.

2024 Rate Increase Request – Charmaine informed the Committee of the current rates and the rate change for Trails End.

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by Cudo to approve the new rate fees for Trails End as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of 4-H and Public Citizen Rep – The 4-H will be vacant until a person is hired for the Extension position.

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by J. Unterschuetz to approve James Moore as the 4-H Public Citizen Representative. Motion carried.

Fairgrounds/Fair Business

Fairgrounds Report – The Fairground are fully weatherized.

Fairgrounds Usage Agreements – Usage agreement was presented for a wedding in October 2024.

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by Cudo to approve the usage agreement for Abbiehl/Sarauer along with the exemptions that were requested. Motion carried.

Fairgrounds Project Meeting Recap – Charmaine presented a project report from the Fair board for Fairgrounds repairs. Jessica Wiles, Chair for the Fair Board, is requesting approval to get donations for repairs and upgrades to the Fairgrounds.

Motion by J. Unterschuetz, seconded by Kalepp to approve the Fair Board requesting donations for improvements to the Fairgrounds with approval from the Property Committee. Motion carried.

Robin Trott has been requested to talk to the Committee about the inventory of the Pony Club/Horse Project equipment. It will be discussed at the December 6th meeting for approval from the Pony Club.

Fair Board Report & Current Year Budget – Jessica gave a Fair Board report and current year budget.

Approval of Karla Cole to the Rusk County Fair Board

Motion by J. Unterschuetz, seconded by Cudo to approve Karla Cole to the Rusk County Fair Board for a 3-year term. Motion carried.

Shana Swanson Reimbursement of Stainless-Steel worktables – Discussion held on the use of the tables.

Motion by Cudo, seconded by Kalepp to approve reimbursement to Shana Swanson for purchase of Stainless-Steel worktables for \$403.98. Motion carried.

Out of County Travel

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by J. Unterschuetz to approve the out of County Travel for Fair Board members to Wisconsin Dells not to exceed \$1,200.00. Motion carried.

Bill Report Payment and Invoices

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by Cudo to approve paying the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date – December 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the LEC.

ADJOURN

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by J. Unterschuetz to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried.