

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education
DATE OF MEETING: December 13, 2013, Eau Claire River Room, Resource Center
MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Bina, Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick, Arlene Bonacci,
Holly Matucheski
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Stephanie Plaster, Kari Lazars, Tom Schmitz, Adeline Hess,
Karalee Brock

Bina called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes and Agenda:

Matucheski made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Move Into Closed Session to Interview Candidate for 4-H Agent Position:

Bonacci made a motion to move into closed session at 8:33 a.m. Matucheski seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session:

Bonacci made a motion to return to open session at 10:34 a.m. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried. Bostwick made a motion for Tom Schmitz to follow through with the wishes of the committee. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Airport/Research Station:

Stephanie Plaster and Kari Lazars informed the committee of a recent discussion between the airport manager, Josh Walker, Robin Stowe and the airport committee. Back in 2006, the WI DOT, Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) indicated a requirement for a formal agreement between the airport and research station be established and that a fee was required for the use of the land. Since the land is county-owned, and the county establishes the budget for the research station, this was not for use as a revenue to the airport and was never established to be an expense to the research station. This exchange between two county budgets was to meet a BOA requirement. Some years the dollars were paid to the airport and other years it was not. A formal lease agreement has also not been located, and there is no language in Airport, Ag & Ext, and Finance Committees indicating the nature of the lease or the required fee. It is unclear if a lease needs to exist and if a fee is required. Robin Stowe supplied a reference document for airport lease agreements, however, the language within this document supports leases and fees for airports that have privately-owned land and lease to private landowners. Since the county both owns the land and provides the budget for the UW-Extension office, including the research station, it is not clear if this requirement is necessary. The Airport Committee indicated a lease or fee is not necessary unless there is a requirement through the BOA. Discussion will continue to determine if a formal agreement needs to be in place.

Next Meeting:

The next Ag & Extension meeting will be January 14, 2014, 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn at 11:13 a.m. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes.
Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Karalee Brock