

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 @ 10:30 AM

Agriculture Committee Members Present: **Brick**, Brunner, King, Becker

Absent: **Kehl**, Hastings, Copeland

Also Present: C. Ketchum/Board Clerk; J. Cook/Budget Officer; A. D. Berwanger/Board Chair; K. Granger, T/Castile

Green Energy Committee Members Present: **May, Hastings** (10:55 AM), Granger, Brunner, Brick, Becker

Absent: Copeland

Also Present: C. Ketchum/Board Clerk; J. Cook/Budget Officer; A. D. Berwanger/Board Chair

Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
Committee Chair's Agenda			
1. Resolution / Proclamation declaring June 2019 as Dairy Month in Wyoming County. This year's Dairy Princess is Ashley Covert.	On agenda end of May each year for June Board Meeting...	Motion: Brunner Ayes: 4 Noes: Absent: 3 Kehl; Hastings; Copeland	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
10:30 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
1. <u>04/2019 Monthly Report</u> • Animal Control Officer, J. Goodell provided information on a few hoarding cases she's working on in Wyoming County. The monthly report will be provided in the minutes.	<i>(to view click on underlined text).</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. General Update:		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:45 AM Cooperative Extension w/K. Kibler			
<i>At 10:54 AM Supervisor May, T/Orangeville entered the meeting during the below agenda item.</i>			
1. Discussion with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County Board of Directors' President, K. Kibler relative to Extension Finances & Leadership.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<p><i>Mr. Kibler was invited into the meeting...</i></p> <p><i>Vice Committee Chair Brick explained that Exec. Dir. Fuller talked to him recently about CCE's finances. Vice Comm. Chair Brick questioned why employees are leaving.</i></p>			
<i>At 10:55 AM Supervisor Hastings, T/Eagle entered the meeting during the below agenda item.</i>			
<p><i>There was a discussion regarding Cooperative Extension running out of money. Proceeds from the sale of the former building have been paying their portion of the lease at the Ag. Center. Mr. Kibler explained that there have been two full board retreats to discuss a needs assessment. The retreats took place two Saturday mornings earlier this year. Ag and 4-H program committees were tasked with meeting with staff to get their perspective. Also sent out surveys that are currently being complied. Results of the survey will be shared during the June 3rd Board of Directors' meeting. Will know more then. The Board of Directors has taken an active approach. Vice Comm. Chair Brick, T/Perry stated that Wyo. County Extension is not alone. Chairman Berwanger suggested that maybe there should be more input by the Board of Supervisors and offered that the Extension Board of Directors should be talking to K. Boor, the Ronald P. Lynch Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University. Wyo. Co. 4-H has best program "in the world." The Board of Supervisors are willing to do whatever we need to do. Chairman Berwanger talked about his concern over the Director's focus on her cell phone and how presentations are made during committee meetings and the Director's reliance on 4-H Educators to know programs. There was some discussion over re-organization of the Extension space at the Ag. Center. J. Rutowski is agreeable to making modifications. Camp Wyomoco concerns... Special rental at the end of season no longer taking place. Supervisor May, T/Orangeville – Invenergy gave money to camp and never got a thank you. Supervisor Brick, T/Perry – Ag in the</i></p>			

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<i>Classroom money was lost to School Resource Officers because there was no outreach to Sen. Gallivan's office with statistics on the Wyoming County program. Under Secretary of Agriculture from Iowa suggested that in his state Farm Bureau funds Ag in the Classroom. Dir. Fuller is looking at other options... "Live by the grant, die by the grant" was quoted by Supervisor Brick. Mr. Kibler said that everyone will have a clearer picture after Monday's review of the needs assessment. The committee asked that Mr. Kibler get a copy of these minutes.</i>			
Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
	~Nothing to Report~	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Conservation w/			
	~Nothing to Report~	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
County Forestlands w/			
	~Nothing to Report~	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Fair Association w/			
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Green Energy Committee			
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Signature of Committee Chairman: p/J. Brick (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, June 26, 2019 @ 10:30 AM.**

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