

June 8, 2022 Van Buren Extension Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Steve Duke.

Council members in attendance – Steve Duke, Jenny Gardner, Sarah Tedrow, Kathy Noll, Sandi Coffman, Twyla Peacock, Chrissy Westercamp. Will Whitaker joined the meeting at 7:25 and replaced Steve Duke as Chair.

Guest in attendance – Paige Caves, Carver Goehring, Rachel Smith, Dustin and Jessica Goehring, Tia Bohlen.

Staff in attendance – Jennifer Plowman, Tonya Irvin, Hailey Burgher joined via computer for her presentation and then she disconnected.

Approval of the minutes with the change of moving Hailey's presentation to the first of the meeting was made by Chrissy Westercamp and seconded by Kathy Noll. Unanimous vote.

Hailey Burgher, Human Sciences Specialist made a presentation over the computer about programming she is involved in. Programming includes My Wellbeing, Our Bookshelf, Raising school ready readers and The Science of Parenting.

Public Forum- Paige Caves addressed the council concerning Carver Goehring and the previous vote to not allow him to show due to missing the animal ID deadline. She presented the council with a petition with 100+ signatures in support of Carver Goehring. Paige explained that many times missing a deadline does not mean total forfeiture. She also said that the evidence of the family signing into the ID program showed the intent to register the livestock and the family believed they had done it correctly. She encouraged the council to reconsider their vote and allow Carver to show his pigs.

Council discussion followed. Concern was voiced about further discussion and a possible re-vote. Since Fair rules and consequences were on the agenda, discussion followed. Several council members mentioned a previous vote in 2019 in a similar situation to allow the member to show with a penalty to be determined. Many recalled the penalty to be one ribbon placing lower. The council discussed several scenarios of which exhibiting and not exhibiting would play out. One council member reiterated that according to ISU guidance, deadlines are not able to be challenged or protested and expressed concern if another family was in a similar situation but did not protest the rule. Other members voiced the belief that the council needs to make this a learning opportunity and not a punishable one.

Kathy Noll made the motion to allow Carver Goehring to exhibit his pigs and Jenny Gardner seconded the motion. Sandy Coffman made an amendment to the motion to include that if the deadline is on a Sunday, the ID entry will be allowed on the immediate Monday following. It also included that the CYC to reach out to ALL incomplete ID entries on the deadline day to ensure this issue does not happen again. This amendment was seconded by Twyla Peacock.

Roll Call vote: Sarah Tedrow Yes, Jenny Gardner Yes, Kathy Noll Yes, Twyla Peacock Yes, Chrissy Westercamp No, Steve Duke Abstained, Sandi Coffman Yes, Will Whitaker Yes. Motion carried.

Secretary Report from the May meeting was reviewed. Kathy Noll made the motion to accept the minutes and Sarah Tedrow seconded the motion. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer report was made by Sarah Tedrow. Checks from 006274 to 006305 were wrote for a total of \$19,055.46. Direct deposits were made for a total of \$4,747.46. The total current balance is \$146,734.94. A motion was made by Twyla Peacock and seconded by Kathy Noll to accept the treasurer report. Passed Unanimously. Approval of the financial statements as presented was made by Chrissy Westercamp and seconded by Kathy Noll. Passed Unanimously.

The staff reported that several members of the public have stopped by and made positive comments about the office. Tonya Irvin is working on programming and Jennifer Plowman is working on fair components.

No regional reports.

Chrissy Westercamp reported the Iowa Extension Council Association is considering have every other year be a virtual meeting to save travel and expense.

Old Business –

SESS Insurance – There remains to be questions about the trailer and insurance coverage.

The poultry show has been confirmed as a live show and will proceed as originally planned.

The highway sign is up on highway 1 directing people to the office location.

New Business –

Staff hours for the fair were discussed. Steve Duke made the motion to allow Jennifer Plowman 200 hours, Tonya Irvin 80 hours, and the part time help 120 hours. The motion was seconded by Twyla Peacock. Passed Unanimously. It was also discussed that any officer could approve more hours if needed during the fair without full council consideration. The 200 hours for Jennifer Plowman are for the week before, during and after the fair. Tonya Irvin has up to 80 hours for the week before, during and after the fair. The part time help will have 120 hours and will be for fair preparation and during the fair.

4-H/Extension Animal project liaisons/superintendents were discussed. Council members were asked to volunteer for their choice of project. Rabbits/Poultry – Chrissy Westercamp, Sheep/Goat – Sarah Tedrow and Steve Duke, Cattle – Jenny Gardner, Horse- Kathy Noll, Swine- Sandy Coffman and Dog/Cat/Pet – Twyla Peacock. A motion was made by Twyla Peacock to accept those positions to be filled by the council members. Steve Duke seconded the motion. Passed Unanimously.

Tonya Irvin is going to host an open house for the new office on June 26, from 3 to 5 pm. Refreshments will be supplied by 4-Hers as a practice run of the fair projects. A motion was made by Jenny Gardner to allow \$100.00 for drinks, napkins, etc. The motion was seconded by Steve Duke. Motion passed unanimously.

Chrissy Westercamp suggested making the poultry and rabbit show an optional haul in/haul out show. The superintendent is not in favor of this. It was also discussed that it was too close to the fair to make any changes. Sarah Tedrow made the motion to add this to the agenda for the August or September council meeting to start planning for the 2023 fair. Kathy Noll seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

The superintendent and council superintendent meeting will be July 7 at 7:30PM. Enforcement of rules, consequences, chain of command, and final ruling power will be discussed. The motion was made by Steve Duke and seconded by Jenny Gardner. Passed unanimously.

A dialog committee was discussed to address public concerns between meetings and at the fair. Jenny Gardner, Kathy Noll, Sarah Tedrow and Will Whitaker volunteered to be on the committee. Issues and concerns to be brought to the full council will need to be turned in to Tonya by noon one day prior to the council meeting.

Our Extension website was discussed. The minutes are current, but the website is not updated. ISU will not train any new person on the old website because they are updating all websites. But there is no date in the future for our website to be updated. This is the reason our website is being neglected and only Jennifer Plowman is able to maintain it. It was suggested that Tonya Irvin inquire when our website will be updated and new employees trained on it.

The next meeting will be July 13. Topics to be on the agenda include barn posters for each species with rules and expectations and the consequences, show details, judges confirmed, update on programming, livestock sale details, SESS insurance, state fair.

Motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Tedrow and seconded by Will Whitaker at 8:44PM