

Special Meeting Van Buren Extension Council

May 26 2022

Called to order at 7 pm. Chrissy Westercamp made the motion. Kathy Noll seconded the motion to call to order. Passed unanimously.

Council in attendance – Will Whitaker, Kathy Noll, Tim Gilchrist, Jenny Gardner, Steve Duke, Chrissy Westercamp

Staff in attendance – Tonya Irvin, Cindy Hall, Jennifer Plowman

Public Forum – Jessica and Carver Goehring were in attendance. They wanted to discuss an issue with missing the identification deadline. Jessica showed evidence of text messages to Jennifer Plowman on May 11, 2022. Jessica said she has ID'd animals years prior with no issue and is not sure what went wrong or why there is no animals ID'd for Carver. She reported she feels responsible for Carver missing the deadline. Carver gave a nice report on the importance of his pig project and how he cares for them on a daily basis. He also commented he has a large amount of money invested and would appreciate consideration of allowing him to attend the fair with his project.

Council discussion followed the public forum. The computer process of ID'ing livestock was discussed along with the reminder notifications. The identification program also showed evidence of Jessica logging in on May 11, 2022. There is no computer evidence of what was done nor was anything showing on the report of animals that were ID'd. In the past, if a known documented computer program error was evident, an extension of the deadline was granted to everyone in the county that had tried to enter and appealed the missed deadline. Those that were granted an extension were not allowed to win anything except a basic ribbon and were allowed to sell in the sale. Discussion included reminders that were sent, computer program process, options for attending the fair with the project, and past history of similar issues with the deadline. Livestock rules and regulations posted in the fair book were discussed; specifically rule 12B and 22. It was also mentioned that according to the Iowa State Extension Positive Youth development guidelines Behavior & Rule management for fairs and events that issues related to deadlines for enrollment, livestock identification and county/state fair entries are not able to be protested or appealed.

A motion to not allow the exhibitor to attend the fair with his pig projects was made by Chrissy Westercamp. No follow up discussion and no second was made.

Kathy Noll made the motion to allow the exhibitor to attend the fair with his pig project without any possible awards except for the basic ribbon and he would be allowed to sell his pigs at the sale. Steve Duke seconded the motion. The voting went around the room in clockwise motion; Kathy Noll yes, Tim Gilchrist abstained, Jenny Gardner yes, Steve Duke abstained, Chrissy Westercamp no, Will Whitaker no. The vote was a tie.

Chrissy Westercamp made her motion again to not allow the exhibitor to show his pigs at the fair. Will Whitaker seconded the motion. The voting was again done in a clockwise motion around the table. Kathy Noll no, Tim Gilchrist Yes, Jenny Gardner no, Steve Duke abstained, Chrissy Westercamp, Yes, Will Whitaker Yes. The motion to not allow the exhibitor to exhibit his pigs at the fair passed 3-2.

Stall fees that the fair board wants to charge were discussed. The fair board reduced their fees from \$10 to \$5 for large animals, and from \$5 to \$2.50 for small animals at their fair board meeting. The fair board said the fees would go toward the herdsmanship awards throughout the fair for all species. The fair board requested that the extension collect the stall fees. Jenny Gardner made the motion that the extension do not collect the stall fees, but will put a notice on the fair board page of the fair book about the fees and put the notice in the newsletter. Collection of the fees will be up to the fair board. It will also be noted in the 2022 Livestock Rules and Regulations page in the fair book item 7 to see the fair board page regarding stall fees. Kathy Noll seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by Will Whitaker.