

SEP 2022
minutes

Jennifer Plowman discussed the addition of 7th graders to the youth council due to lack of involvement from older members. The goal is to have 7-8 members on the youth council with one member representing each club. Discussion followed considering the positives and negatives of adding the younger members. Jenny Gardner made the motion to allow 7th graders on the youth council and see if that positively affects involvement and participation. Sarah Tedrow seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chrissy Westercamp voted no.

Jennifer Plowman discussed forming a 4-H Advisory Committee. This committee would consist of 7-8 adult members to assist with member recognition, fund raising, volunteer at the fair, awards night and other activities. The extension council would oversee this committee. Sandi Coffman made the motion to table this until more information is gathered on specifics. Chrissy Westercamp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A golf cart was discussed for use at the fair to save time and energy. This would have to be approved by the fair board. Staff will gather estimates on renting a golf cart for the week of the fair. Sandi Coffman made the motion to have the staff look into permission from the fair board and cost and then consider renting at future meeting. Tim Gilchrist seconded the motion. Passed Unanimously.

Tonya Irvin would like to attend the office professionals conference on September 27. The council would pay for registration, hotel, milage, and meals. The motion was made by Tim Gilchrist and seconded by Kathy Noll to have her attend and pay for the expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

County Fair revisions and fair book changes from the council were compiled by Jennifer Plowman prior to the meeting. The Fair book and rules committee will meet soon to review the suggestions and make recommendations at the next meeting.

Two new volunteers were approved after their background checks were approved. Megan Koellner and Paige Grim Thomas are both volunteers for the Fox River 4-H Club. Sandi Coffman made the motion to approve the volunteers and Chrissy Westercamp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jenny Gardner discussed the possibility of having show clinics for all species. She was asked to gather more information on cost, sponsorships and availability and report at the next meeting.

Our staffs, Tonya and Jennifer, are having issues with reserving rooms in the Fair View barn. They have had to cancel events due to no one from the fair board confirming or acknowledging the reservation request. Our rental contract states the fair board will respond within 72 hours of a reservation request. The staff was directed to contact Fair board president Blaine Smith directly and see what resolution can be found.

Agenda items for next meeting include – Rachel Fischel, district youth program specialist, unified policy statement, review superintendent responsibilities, rule changes for the fair, static exhibit location.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM was made by Tim Gilchrist. Seconded by Chrissy Westercamp. Motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Gardner
10/13/22

September 8, 2022 Minutes Van Buren Extension Council

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Will Whitaker.

Council members present – Will Whitaker, Jenny Gardner, Sarah Tedrow, Tim Gilchrist, Kathy Noll, Sandi Coffman and Chrissy Westercamp.

Council members absent – Steve Duke and Twyla Peacock

Staff present – Jennifer Plowman and Tonya Irvin

No Guests present.

Chrissy Westercamp made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim Gilchrist seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The secretary's report from the previous meeting and the special meeting was approved. Motion made by Sarah Tedrow and seconded by Tim Gilchrist. Passed unanimously.

The treasurer report was reviewed. Checks from 6337 to 6412 for a total of \$37,005.40. Direct Deposits for a total of \$3,045.51 was deposited into the account. Direct Deposits (payroll) for a total of \$12,717.47 and EFT for a total of \$5,970.40. The motion was made by Kathy Noll and seconded by Sandi Coffman to approve the treasurer report. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion by Kathy Noll, and seconded by Sandi Coffman was made to accept all of the financial statements. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff made their reports. See attached reports.

The Iowa Extension Council association presented a short video about their association benefit survey. After the video, Chrissy Westercamp read the survey and recorded our comments. A motion was made by Chrissy Westercamp and seconded by Kathy Noll to submit our answers to the survey to the Iowa Extension Council Association. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

SESS Insurance – The insurance premium for SESS was higher than SESS was expecting. They are now hesitating about paying for their insurance as they had agreed to do previously. Options were discussed. Sandi Coffman made the motion to have Cindy contact legal counsel via the Iowa Extension Council Association for advice on how to proceed on insurance for SESS, ownership of SESS trailer and ownership of guns and have that information and recommendation by the 18th, which is the SESS meeting. The motion was seconded by Jenny Gardner. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming programs- Pesticide training, Manure pit rescue, Manure application and farm estate planning.