

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 23, 2026
Youth & Agriculture Center, 916 E. Elm St., Lancaster, WI 53813

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Roger Guthrie. Roll Call was taken with six committee members present: Roger Guthrie, Joe Mumm, Pat Schroeder, Gary Northouse, Kathy Kopp and Mike Timmerman. Others present were Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Shane Drinkwater, Charisse Orth, Bev Doll, Jackie McCarville and Lynn Perkins. Present by Zoom was Tonya White and Jacqueline Varholik.

The meeting notice was posted at the Extension Office, Youth & Agriculture Center, Administration Building, on the Grant County website and emailed to media.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 16, 2026. Motion carried.

Educator updates were given by Bev Doll, Charisse Orth and Jackie McCarville.

Lynn Perkins gave the AED update sharing the County Officials Training Workshop date of May 15 in Dodgeville and a report from Blake Roberts.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to accept and sign the snowmobile resolution authorizing participation in public funding for snowmobile trails in Grant County for the 2026-2027 snowmobile year. Motion carried.

Farm Progress Days Scholarship applications were reviewed. The committee awarded the scholarship to Applicant #3, Libby Vogt.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Mike Timmerman, to approve the Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

Amy gave the grounds and maintenance and Youth & Agriculture Center report.

A new electrical panel was put on the pole between the Eckstein Hall and Jaycees building. Maintenance staff is working on getting rented winter storage vehicles out of buildings.

A jump wire on the pole between the fairgrounds and school was replaced.

Fair and Fairgrounds Business

Jacqueline Varholik, representing Christmas for Kids - Southwest Wisconsin, requested the fee be waived or reduced for use of the Youth & Ag Center on November 28, 2026, for their fundraising event, with setup on November 27. Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to waive the fee. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathy Kopp, seconded by Joe Mumm, to work on a proposed decision for the 2027 Fair regarding a non-terminal swine show, due to a change in requirements for testing of PRRS and PEDv. Amy will prepare a survey for swine exhibitors. Motion carried, 5-1.

Poultry events/movement is suspended through May 10, 2026. The Motorcycle Supercross promoter would like to add pre-timing trials to the event this year. The District Meeting will be held April 8 at the Chula Vista. Dates for a fall E-Waste event in 2026 at the fairgrounds are not available. Spring 2027 dates will be looked at. Amy is continuing to work on sponsorship.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to adjourn. The next scheduled meeting is April 20, 2026. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Kathy Kopp
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary