

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 15, 2026

Youth & Agriculture Center, 916 E. Elm St., Lancaster, WI 53813

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Kathy Kopp. Roll Call was taken with four committee members present: Kathy Kopp, Joe Mumm, Mike Timmerman and Dan Durley. Others present were, Bob Keeney, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Charisse Orth, Casey Lobdell, Blake Roberts, Lynn Perkins and Geri Bryhan. Pat Schroeder was excused. Present by Zoom was Grant County Herald Independent.

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 Joe Mumm, seconded by Mike Timmerman, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Durley, seconded by Mike Timmerman, to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 18, 2026. Motion carried.

Educator updates were given by Charisse Orth and Casey Lobdell. Blake Roberts also gave a report.

Lynn Perkins gave the AED update sharing a video on the Extension funding model.

Motion by Mike Timmerman, seconded by Dan Durley, to approve the Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

A Grant County Tourism Coordinator was hired with a starting date of June 30, 2026.

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

Daily operations continue, focusing on the poles and fencing in the Open Dairy Poledshed.

Fair and Fairgrounds Business

Geri Bryhan, Grant County Humane Society, requested to use the Eckstein Exhibit Hall November 4-7, 2026, for a garage sale fundraiser. Motion by Dan Durley, seconded by Joe Mumm, to waive the fee for use of the building. Motion carried.

The Grant County Fairgrounds has been exempt from the City of Lancaster's noise ordinance in place for 10:00 p.m. This was changed May 18, 2026, by the City of Lancaster and Police Chief Deb Reukauf after conversations with Amy Olson. It will now state the race track located at the Grant County Fairgrounds shall be exempt from the municipal code of the City of Lancaster relating to loud and unnecessary noise between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. for properly sanctioned activities that are taking place at said facility as authorized by the Grant County Board, City of Lancaster Common Council, or any other authorized group or committee. The 2026 Fair Superintendent Meeting will be held August 4 starting at 6:30 p.m. Weather insurance was discussed for Grandstand Events. Amy will have more information on costs at the July committee meeting. The Fair race contract was reviewed. A website was created for Friends of the Fair Foundation. Amy shared what she would like the first project to be. Outstanding Fair

Persons were chosen. Amy shared a list of the number of potential fair exhibitors and identified animals that may be eligible to show and/or sell at the 2026 Fair.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Mike Timmerman, to approve vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Durley, seconded by Joe Mumm, to accept the livestock claim in the amount of \$60 from Rivers and Bluffs Animal Shelter and pass on to the County Board. Motion carried.

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

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary