

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, October 20, 2025
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 five committee members present: Roger Guthrie, Joe Mumm, Kathy Kopp, Gary Northouse and Pat Schroeder. Mike Timmerman was excused. Others present were Bob Keeney, Nate Dreckman, Amy Olson, Lori Vesperman, Charisse Orth, Jackie McCarville, Lynn Perkins. Kristin Runge, Ellen Cornett and Jeff Bahl. Present by Zoom were Tonya White, Shane Drinkwater, Erica Mayer and 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 Kathy Kopp, seconded by Joe Mumm, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Gary Northouse, to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 15, 2025. Motion carried.

Ellen Cornett, 4-H member, presented Roger Guthrie the Grant County 4-H Meritorious Award for all of his support to the 4-H program.

Educator reports were given by Charisse Orth and Jackie McCarville

Lynn Perkins gave the AED update. The state Swine Specialist will be housed in Iowa County. The Regional Livestock Educator position has been posted with a closing date of October 28. Lynn will have the 2026 Educator Contract at the November meeting for signatures. Kristin Runge was present for discussion of the Community Development Educator position.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to move ahead with a Grant County Tourism and Marketing Coordinator position with a long-term goal of making the position self-funded. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Pat Schroeder to allow out-of-budget spending up to \$2,000 for 2025 from the carryover EPA Pesticide Revolving Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Joe Mumm, to approve the Extension vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Winter storage items are coming in. The east side of the dairy polished will be done this week. Amy will present the incurred cost so far to the Livestock Trust for repayment.

Fair and Fairgrounds Business

Discussion was held on the 2026 grandstand events. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse to sign a contract with Tri-State Truck and Tractor Pullers. Motion carried.

Jeff Bahl requested a 3-year contract for Full Throttle. Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Joe Mumm to sign a three-year contract with Full Throttle for their tractor pulls. Motion carried.

Amy shared insurance needs for off-site fair shows if weather does not allow shows to be at their designated locations due to weather. Sponsorship letters will be sent in November. Amy shared information on the Fair Convention being held in January 2026. Amy handed out economic impact reports done by IAFE showing the economic impact fairs have in Wisconsin and on the national level.

Motion by Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse, to accept fairbook changes except for horses and goats. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Kathy Kopp to approve the livestock claims approved at the October County Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Mumm, seconded by Pat Schroeder, to adjourn. The next scheduled meeting is November 17, 2025. Motion carried.

Kathy Kopp
Secretary

Lori Vesperman
Recording Secretary