

# Grant-Adams County Council meeting

Date: June 2, 2008

Meeting brought to order by Ken Bishop at 7:05 pm

Pledge of allegiance and 4H pledges recited.

Treasurers Report: No report

Minutes from last meeting read by Pam Schmidt. Shelly Olson moved to accept and Mark Weber seconded, motion carried.

Record book discussion continued. Diane Russo explained the history of the issue over the last six months. There was much discussion about boundaries of county empowerment and how this would shift to the areas control. Diane assured the council that there are some checks and balances by the extension officer as a safeguard. A second reading was read for the motion to give each area the ability to determine their 4Hrs record book requirements. Article 2 #2 of the policies and procedures was referred to. The word expected is used not the word required about record keeping.

The question was asked "What about the Fair board?" Has the fair board been asked what they would like to see done? Mark Weber told the council that the Othello Fair board has said they will not make record books a requirement for their fair. The Grant county Fair board needs to be approached to see what they think about the issue. As of right now it is the leaders' responsibility to collect record books and make sure that the 4Hrs have completed their requirements to go to fair. A motion was made by Mark Weber to allow each area to have control over their record book requirements. It was seconded by Shelly Olsen. A vote was taken and approved.

It was asked if secretary books due date of June 15<sup>th</sup> could be moved back to July 15<sup>th</sup> or even after fair. There was much discussion about how the books are incomplete before the 4Hrs attend fair. It is of course too late to make a change this year. This was tabled to be discussed again at a future meeting.

4H Camp is rolling along; volunteers are much appreciated, including two AmeriCorps members who have offered to help. Camp registration forms can be picked up at The UPS Store or contact Dani Weitman. It was asked that the registration be available on line thru the extension office. There was a question about the age and grade of the 4Hrs who can go to camp. The 4Hrs must have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade is the cut off.

The new 4H Bldg. will be shared with the dog and cats group. There is an immediate need for new displays to showcase the entries. The question was asked would County Council help by paying for the new display pop-ups. Shelly Olsen suggested that Linda Benotti might be able to give some advice on what is actually needed. Diane will follow up with Linda Benotti. A motion was made by Pam Schmidt to set aside funds for the display pop-ups to be purchased for the 4H Bldg. at GCF, not to exceed \$10,000. Diane Russo and Ken Bishop will research the new and used prices. Shelly Olsen seconded. This motion will be read again at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Leaders and 4Hrs are being asked to sign up for one hour of duty in the new 4H building. The sign up will be at the fair office, leaders please sign up yourself and a couple of 4Hrs. It will be nice to have someone available to greet people and to assist them with any questions about 4H or the entries in the building. It was proposed that the 4Hrs be able to hand something out to the kids who come into the

building. There was some discussion of stamps, stickers, tattoos and bracelets. Janelle Anderson motioned that County Council purchase ten rubber stamps and ten green washable stamp pads. Pam Schmidt seconded. Mark Weber motioned to amend the motion so that Ronda Fuhrman would purchase the stamps and pads for the 4H building to be reimbursed by County Council. Shelly Olsen seconded, motion carried. This motion will be read again at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ken Bishop discussed how some of us are so far off track. He has been trying for the last several months to present the issues at hand that County Council deals with much difficulty on a regular basis. Nothing has really been accomplished due to the agenda getting side tracked at the last several meetings. Shelly Olsen suggested that County Council should attend some of the Area meetings do discuss the up coming issues that will be voted on at County Council. Diane talked about setting up some kind of voting system on line. It was recommended that the executive committee come up with amendments to the by-laws or policies to clarify a quorum etc. Then present the amendments to the council as a whole to be voted on. The executive committee agreed to take on this project.

A motion was made by Janelle Anderson to be able to pay reoccurring bills such as insurance with only the one reading. The Council could approve any funds to be paid out under \$500 with only one reading. Anything over \$500 must be read twice and voted on. This is not to include any grant funding. It was seconded by Mark Weber, motion carried.

Washington State Leaders Forum was brought up by Ken Bishop. The registration for forum will be available in mid July. In the past County Council has reimbursed the application fees to leaders who attend the forum. Ronda Fuhrman asked if County Council would consider pre- paying the funds instead. Ken Bishop does not like the idea of pre- paying the full funding. He suggests that County Council offers to pay half of the cost so that the leader is committed to attend because they have an investment in going. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Announcements: Diane Russo announced that Janet Kiser-Lambarth is speaking at the July 10<sup>th</sup> Horse Council meeting in Ephrata. She will speak about her research on horse and women.

Justine Vulareal motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:10 pm. Kimberlee Vulareal seconded, motion carried meeting adjourned.

Ronda Fuhrman  
Secretary

Attendance:  
Ronda Fuhrman  
Ken Bishop  
Diane Russo  
Mark Webber – Way Out  
Angie Jenkins – College Cuties  
Janelle Anderson – Top Cut Ranchers  
Shelley Olsen – Loft Loungers  
Pam Schmidt - Wahluke  
Anita, Justine, Kimberlee Vulareal – Buckles & Boots