

**Vernon County Agricultural and Extension Education Committee**  
*Monthly Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2008*

Vice-Chairman Will Beitlich called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present were: Beitlich, McClelland, Larson, Easterday, Rehbein and Pulvermacher.

The public meeting notice/agenda was sent to the Vernon County Broadcaster on October 3, 2008 and the County Clerk's office on October 10, 2008.

Larson moved, Easterday seconded, to approve the minutes as sent. Motion carried.

The next monthly meeting will be November 10, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

There were no visitors in attendance at the meeting.

Beitlich read the September office expenses. Larson moved, Easterday seconded, to approve the Teen Court expenses of \$664.53. Motion carried.

Easterday moved, Larson seconded, to approve the September 2008 office operations expenses of \$4,767.84. Motion carried.

Rehbein reported on 2009 office budget meeting with the Finance Committee.

***Rehbein reported on September activities:*** A majority of the month covered the responsibilities at the fair. Provided assistance to the dairy and meat animal superintendents prior to the fair to get all the animal exhibit stalling completed in the barns; Coordinated the Animal Health Check program for the Wednesday entry day; special attention was needed to find enough pen space for the dairy goat department. Goat numbers are on the rise. Assisted the animal department superintendents in conducting their respective show. Organized the meat animal sale order and the Dairy Champion Ribbon Sale order used at the Saturday night sale. On Sunday of the fair, organized the delivery of the meat animals for harvest. Also organized and conducted the carcass judging held on the Wednesday after the fair and also developed the carcass program data sheets for the carcass evaluation program held on Wednesday night September 24<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 buyers, parents and exhibitors attended the event. At the invitation of the Wisconsin Homemakers Association, a presentation on "Tobacco to Grapes" was presented at their state convention in Manitowoc. Over 75 participants attended the session of which many did not know that tobacco was grown in Vernon County. At the request of the Horticulture Department Chair of the UW-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, attended a meeting with him and the ag program director for Cooperative Extension, and several specialists, the president of the Wisconsin Grape Growers Association and the owner of Wollersheim Winery to discuss the faculty staffing at the UW for horticulture which would include grapes.

***Pulvermacher reported on September activities*** – The county fair went well. Colleen worked with two youth ambassadors who assisted with Cloverbud judging. Teen Court needs more adult volunteers. To meet this need the Teen Court Advisory Board has planned an adult training for October 20<sup>th</sup>. This session will be lead by Kathy Sullivan, Director of Court Services. National

4-H week was celebrated last week with a number of events – radio ads were broadcast by WVRQ, a two page newspaper insert was done by the Broadcaster, an ice cream social was held for the Emerald Club members (volunteers with 25 years + experience) and 4-H trivia was played on WVRQ with neat prizes given away. The state 4-H office purchased new software for our 4-H database, which is extensive. Cindy has done a wonderful job of inputting all of this data and submitting mandated reports with this information. The 4-H recognition banquet will be held in January and all Ag and Extension Education Committee members will be our honored guests. Colleen submitted a professional development grant request from the Southern District of UW Extension for partial funding to attend the Regional Volunteer Forum in Columbus, Ohio next month. Colleen received \$420 toward this conference. Colleen has also submitted a grant request to the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Professionals association for additional funding for this conference. Super Saturday will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> with the emphasis on community service and sewing skills. The family handbook has been revised and 500 copies printed. Dates for summer camp have been negotiated for June 18 -20<sup>th</sup>.

Larson moved, McClelland seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.