MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING March 28, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM at the Town Hall, Lunch Room.

Attending: Lorrie Dahlen, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Carolyn Housman, Robert Dougherty, Susan Keith

Absent: Carleton Chandler, Scott Franklin, Annie Massed, Karen Vierira

Guest: Adam Jackson

The minutes from 2/28/17 meeting were accepted as amended.

Lorrie motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Carolyn seconded the motion. All eligible members present approved the minutes as amended.

Our guest Adam Jackson of Marshfield sat in on part of the meeting to get a feel for the commission and the type of work we do. Adam is working on 250 acres of hay across the state, he does custom field work growing, cutting and restoration. He may be interested in volunteering for activities the commission does.

Spring Lectures Recap

There were about 150 attendees this year, about 30 registered by telephone.

All speakers are paid, other than Dr. Kaczorowski she needs to submit an invoice for payment.

The lecture fees for speakers was \$800.00

Bronie and Cheryl Rozenas would like the commission to donate their speaking fee to a gardening 4-H club.

The food was just the right amount. Next year have food be labeled with ingredients.

Increase the volume of milk to 1 gallon and have a small amount of half and half available.

Set up this year took 45 minutes and the clean up went very quickly.

Next year have before and after photos of each room set up.

Cardinal Cushing Nursery would like to donate a door prize.

Seoane's would like to participate in next years' event.

Carol Hamilton is on board to host next years' Spring lectures.

Right to Farm Signage in town update

The signs are complete. Tom Reynolds needs to approve the installation. The commission discussed several scenarios. The signs will cost \$360.00

Adopt-a-Seedling Update

All but one grower has picked up their growing supplies.

Went over some of the seedlings that volunteers will grow for the event.

Community Gardens and Adopt-an-Island

Tabled

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 7:00 PM in the Lunchroom at Town Hall. Lorrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Sarah seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Garretson Lowry, Secretary