Marshfield Agricultural Commission Minutes Meeting of April 28th, 2021

Lorrie Dahlen made a motion at 7:00, seconded by Ed to open the meeting. It was voted and passed unanimously by a roll call vote. Attending were Lorrie Dahlen, Annie Massed, Ed Duane, Karen Vieira, Colleen Alexanderson and Norma Haskins. Also attending was Cecelia Delgadillo, who is a master gardener who is interested in helping us.

Lorrie read the Notes to Remote Meetings into the minutes.

Secretary's Report- The minutes for the meeting of April 14th were reviewed. After review Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Ed to accept the minutes as amended. It was voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

CPC Project- Annie reports the deer fencing is complete and work is underway to install the small critter fence. They are still working on plans for the gates. We discussed our preparedness for the high school volunteers who are coming this weekend. Then we discussed preparations for the work to be done for the parking area. Ed is to have a meeting with the DPW to coordinate that part of the project.

Coast Guard Hill gardens- Ed reports we are not ready for the volunteers for this weekend as the previous garden structures are still in place. We discussed the possibility of having the kids work on building the beds at the fairgrounds where they are stored but it was ultimately decided to have them go the Coast Guard hill and working at preparing the site instead. We discussed applicants for that garden site. There only a few so far. Caleen will be working on publicity to promote the Community Gardens at Coast Guard Hill.

Other Community Garden Business- Annie has gathered three quotes she needed for the new mower and 2 wheelbarrows. She explained her preferences among the bids from Morrison's, ABC Equipment and Lowes. After discussion of the types and prices Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Ed to approve \$600.00 for the purchase of a mower and two wheelbarrows for Mounce Meadows. It was voted and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Annie reports she and Ed have made the measurements from the well head to the gardens to install water pipes. It measured out to be 650 feet. After a brief discussion Lorrie made a motion, seconded by Annie to set aside \$950.00 for pipe which will be installed by a volunteer. Annie said they are still in need of a wooden picnic table for the site. Caleen made a suggestion that she knew someone who made them.

Adopt a Seedling- Lorrie reports the first event was successful and the few items that were left will be available this weekend at the Farmers Market. She asked that members growing seedlings for the May event send a list to she and Kristen of what will be available for the website. We discussed getting ready for the May event and publicity. Annie has secured the needed cardboard trays. Caleen is working on press release.

Cecelia made a few suggestions and Lorrie explained to her the process of joining us if she would like to.

Next meeting scheduled for May 26th.

Lorrie made a motion to adjourn at 8:22PM. Motion seconded by Ed, voted and passed, unanimously by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins, Secretary