

**Commission on Agriculture Meeting**  
**Minutes-- Friday, April 30, 2021 9 am**  
**Barron County Government Center**  
**Auditorium**

**335 East Monroe Ave, Barron, WI 54812**

The meeting of the Barron County Commission on Agriculture was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Dave Lentz.

Members present: Russell Rindsig, Oscar Skoug, Dave Lentz, Kristin Hanson, and Jeff French.

Members excused: Dan Scheps

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was moved by Skoug, and seconded by Rindsig. Motion carried.

Written minutes of the 2019 meeting were presented. The 2020 meeting was held via Zoom video conference on May 8, 2020. At that meeting it was decided to award 2 scholarships in the amount of \$750; they were awarded to Elizabeth Erb and Jonathon Scheps.

Budget review—it was shared by David Lentz and Jeff French that the amount budgeted for the year was \$2699.

Five scholarship applications were reviewed and ranked. It was moved by Russell Rindsig, seconded to Oscar Skoug, to award three scholarships in the amount of \$750 each to: Derek Penzkover, Sonja Vessely, and Micaela Walters; all of Rice Lake High School. Motion carried.

Kristin will contact Kim Grover and Pete Kolpack, Rice Lake Agriculture Instructor, in regard to scholarship certificates and award presentations.

Any other Business- Discussion items; no action taken.

- Kristin Hanson asked about the status of filling the open UW-Extension Agriculture Agent position. Jeff French shared that there have been delays at the UW-Extension state level and they are looking at various ways to meet county needs and agents available.
- Due to the current low interest rates, in setting next year's budget it may be time to look at the principal for issuing funds or look at additional projects to fund consistent with the intent for the group. This could potentially include capital projects, possibly electrical updates to the Barron County Fairgrounds.

Future meetings: Scholarship applications will be sent to county high schools in late winter. Members will be emailed to determine a meeting time if needed in the fall, and for the spring to review scholarship applications.

Motion to adjourn by Kristin Hanson, seconded by Jeff French. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Hanson  
Secretary