

Agricultural Commission Minutes Wednesday May 7, 2025
Attendance: John Bunce, Mare-Anne Jarvela
7:03 - 7:40 pm

Lectures at the Library

April 19 Ag Com Talk – Donna Watterson’s Amazing Grace Animal Sanctuary talk was well received. She brought Archie the pig and a bunny to the library and shared her passion for all her animals at the farm.

May 10 – Val will talk about her experience working with GoingToSeed.org and seed starting in general. She will give away seed packets for free from this organization. The Blackfly newsletter will promote the event and Mare-Anne will set up the sign in front of the library and send out a reminder email to the Ag Com mailing list group.

Old Home Day

We still need to discuss what our topic will be for the Old Home Ag Com table on Old Home Day and possible activities.

Backdoor “Kids” Garden

Kris, our librarian, has received a grant for a children’s reading/gardening summer program at the library and we will use the backdoor garden as a teaching garden for kids. Jen Pepin and Mare-Anne will plan the garden and do some of the planting. There will be events through the summer that will involve the garden. Jen and Mare-Anne will prepare the garden on Monday, May 12, and John will bring some aged manure for the garden.

Finances

A motion was made and seconded that Mare-Anne will be reimbursed from the Ag Com budget for any plant purchases for the “Kids Garden” behind the library. The vote was 2-0 in favor.

Membership

We are still looking for a new chairperson (co-chairs?) and new members. John and Mare-Anne will keep asking neighbors and friends.

Next Meeting

7pm Nelson Lower Library: Wednesday June 4, 2025

Submitted by Mare-Anne Jarvela