

Saline County Extension Board Meeting Minutes March 31, 2026

The Saline County Extension Board meeting was called to order by President Ross Weber on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The Open Meetings Act notice was confirmed as posted in the Extension Office.

Members present: Ross Weber, Lynn Steuer, Theresa Vernon, Barry Young, Jamie Karl, Holly Baber, and Commissioners Phil Hardenburger and Ray Rohrig. Office personnel present: Halie Rohe, Taylor Tyser, Ingrid Lindal, Matheus Ribeiro, and Riana Grotelueschen. Guests present: Carly Applegarth, Food, Nutrition, and Health Educator, and Megan Bruda from Zone 7.

A Subway meal was provided for the Extension Board and guests.

Barry Young shared that his son completed a report for the FFA awards on laying hens; congratulations were extended for his research and publications.

A welcome was given to new Office Manager Halie Rohe, as well as to Ray Rohrig, County Commissioner, who will be taking over Phil Hardenburger's position in the coming year.

A presentation was given by Carly Applegarth, Food, Nutrition, and Health Educator.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved by Jamie Karl and seconded by Lynn Steuer. Motion carried..

Financial reports were presented by Treasurer Theresa Vernon. January expenses: \$799.60, plus Office Manager payroll of \$1,324.06 and 4-H Administrative Aid of \$3,125.85, for a total of \$5,253.15 spent in January to date. February report: \$603.40 for postage machine rental, \$51.91 mileage, \$10,815.17 for the 4-H assistant, and \$3,499.65 for 4-H Administrative Aid. The total budget is 40% used, with a total budget of \$192,200.00 and \$114,801.59 remaining. A motion to approve the financials was made by Ross Weber and seconded by Lynn Steuer. Motion carried.

Program Reports:

- Matheus Ribeiro gave a report on his various programming efforts.
- Ingrid Lindal provided a report on parenting classes and early childhood care.
- Riana Grotelueschen reported on 4-H Youth Development, including the 4-H Council lottery pigs, upcoming embryology classes in schools, and after-school programming at the Wilber Library.
- Theresa Vernon reported on 4-H Council scholarships being awarded and provided updates regarding the Ag Society and tree removal at Tuxedo Park.
- Phil Hardenburger discussed pigs at the fair, and Ray Rohrig provided additional brief remarks.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Megan Bruda reviewed the bylaws. The board will review them, and she will provide an updated printed version. Discussion included posting meeting notices at the post office and courthouse at least 24 hours in advance and posting meeting minutes on the website after each meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Theresa Vernon
Secretary