

## Cedar County Extension Board Meeting

### Thursday November 3, 2022 ~ 12:00 pm

Present: Gary Wieseler, Ben Beckman, Jackie Steffen, Katie Winkelbauer, Amy Topp and Holly Wortmann.

1. Meeting was called to order by Gary Wieseler.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were not available at the time of the meeting.
3. Financial report presented. Katie made a motion to approve and Gary seconded. Motion carried.
4. "Big 3" Presentation by Amy Topp the Zone 5 Engagement Coordinator and Holly Wortmann NACEB Director
  - Nebraska Extension Strategic Direction of The Big 3
  - Vision: To be the trusted educational resource for every Nebraskan, inspiring fulfilled, prosperous and healthy lives.
  - Mission: Engaging with Nebraskans wherever they are, connecting them with the resources, research and innovation of the University of Nebraska.
  - The Big 3:
    - Strengthen Nebraska Agriculture & Food Systems
    - Inspire Nebraskans & Their Communities
    - Enhance The Health & Wellbeing of All Nebraskans

#### 5. Educator Reports:

##### **Highlights of Learning Child Report-Jackie Steffen**

- Continue to be active in the Cedar County Communities for Kids
- Working with three providers as part of the Healthy Children, Healthy State research project
- Continue to be active in the Child Development Associate (CDA)
- Tri-leader of the ELG Deep Dive Series
- Block Party in Freemont
- Promote & Expand the Summer Reading STEM Imagination Guides
- Hosted Tri state Early Childhood Conference at Camp High Hopes in Sioux City
- Submitted three fall lessons for the Fit and Healthy Kids Discover and Design website
- Taught two sessions of Building Better Babysitters at Pierce Public Schools
- Active participant of the Early Childhood Strategic Planning team for the Big 3
- Received grant funds to offer a Circle of Security Parenting class at Randolph library
- Coordinated 2023 Cedar County Sharp Shooters Archery Program
- State Fair ~ Human Development superintendent, hired judges and transported Cedar County exhibits
- Participate in Dean's Advisory
- Reviewed and provided recommendations on 4-H promotion files
- Participating in IANR Your Investment in Workplace Culture Professional Development series
- Collaborated with 4-H educators to reflect in 2022 STEM Reading Connections
- Presented 4 sessions of the Elementary Teacher at WSC for Career Day
- Completed Cedar County Community Mapping collaboratively with everyone in the office and EZC
- Edited Interlocal Agreement and Extension Board Constitution and Bylaws documents
- 2023 Cedar County 4-H Program planning with Megan

##### **Highlights of Beef Specialist's Report-Ben Beckman**

- Regular media outreach.
- Pastures and Forages
  - Alfalfa Plots
  - Silage Cover Trial
  - Haskell Ag Lab Family Day 8/3
  - Forage Field Day 8/4
  - GrassSnap App Update
  - Nebraska Grazing Conference @ Kearney
  - Pasture Walk @ Niobrara

- Cover Crop Grazing Conference
- NAP assessments for Knox/Dixon County FSA offices
- Youth
  - YQCA Trainings
  - Fair
  - Range Judging
  - AGRO 405 Capstone Class
- Grants and other projects
  - NCEA Vice President
  - Beef Team Lead
  - Society for Range Management Fall Meeting
  - Farm Pairs Project
- Upcoming events
  - Fall Extension/NCEA Conference @ Kearney
  - Knox County NRCS Cover Crop Tour
  - BQA Training @ Norfolk

**Highlights of Youth Development Educator-Megan Hanefeldt**

- 4-H Youth Development
- School Enrichment
  - Currently working on the 2023 Ag Innovators Grant Proposal
  - 2022 Fall School Enrichment Programs at multiple schools
    - Pumpkin Life Cycle Program
    - National Youth Science Day STEM program ~ Exploring the Deep
    - Leadership Summit
    - Embryology ~ Spring of 2023
- 4-H Program
  - The 4-H Annual Enrollment Report was submitted for both Cedar and Knox Counties
  - Currently working on Growth Goals for the upcoming year
  - Cedar and Knox 4-H Council Meetings
- Lead Educator
  - Working with the Knox County Buildings and Grounds Committee to finalize the office renovations
  - Serving on the Planning Team for the Lead Educator Training
  - Preparing information to submit for the 2022 Impact Report

6. Old Business

- 2022-2023 Budget has been approved
- Mental Health Resources for Ag – Awareness Programs: Ben handed out cards that have resource information

on them

7. New Business

- Board Terms ~ Lisa Karnes term expires after 2 terms. Will put a notice in the paper looking to fill Lisa's spot
- Update of Interlocal Agreement and Constitution and Bylaws ~ Will discuss at next meeting after receiving some clarification on a couple of items
- 2023 County Impact Report

8. Community Needs

9. Comments/Concerns

10. Save the Date:

- Child Care in Your Community Forum, November 8 @ Hartington
- NACEB Meeting with Senator, February 8 @ Lincoln

11. Next Meeting: December 5, 2022

12. Katie made a motion to adjourn, and seconded by Gary