

Cedar County Extension Board Meeting Wednesday July 10, 2024

Present: Gary Wieseler, Jackie Steffen, Cara Wiebelhaus, Katie Winkelbauer, Laura White, Megan Hanefeldt.

1. Meeting was called to order by Gary Wieseler at 12:01 pm.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed; Katie made a motion to approve and Laura seconded. All approved.
3. Financial report presented. Laura made a motion to approve and Gary seconded. All approved.
4. Educator Reports:

Highlights of Learning Child Report and 4-H/Youth Development-Jackie Steffen

- Continue to be active tri-leader for Cedar County Community for Kids
- Attended the PD Specialist CDA round table conversation
- Submitted a grant application for the Kimmel Charitable Foundation Competitive Grant Pilot Program
- Coordinated many 4-H projects / workshops
- See report for additional info

Highlights of Beef Specialist's Report-Ben Beckman

- Outreach
- Alfalfa Plots
- YQCA training completed for 54 youth participants
- Nebraska Sustainable Ag Society (NSAS)/SARE Tour ~ Cedar & Knox counties September 6th & 7th
- See report for additional info

Highlights of Youth Development Educator Report – Megan Hanefeldt

- 4-H Summer programming = multiple workshops
- Hartington Summer Reading Program “Adventures in Gardening”
- Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge
- 4-H Mentoring
- NCEA Professional Development Committee Secretary
- State Fair Visual Arts Superintendent
- See report for additional info

Highlights of 4-H Youth Development Assistant – Cara Wiebelhaus

- MakerSpace Day at Lied Randolph Library
- STEM Backpack program at the Hartington Public Library
- Summer Reading = Adventure Theme
- Fair Entries
- See report for additional info

5. Old Business

- Cedar County 4-H Programming = good attendance
- 2024/2025 Budget Salary increase of \$245/month. Laura made a motion to approve and Gary seconded.

All approved.

-NACEB Summer Meeting went well, next meeting will be in February 2025 and would like at least one Extension Board member to attend the meeting with extension staff.

6. New Business

-Maximizing Value in Extension Programming

- How are you spending your time?
- Advocating ~ Sharing the value of Extension

-Office Update ~ Would like to get some shelves to help organize things

7. Community Needs / Concerns

-Adopt a planter program, the Extension Office is going to adopt a planter and will be outside the office door. Plans on planting the yearly special garden project in the planter each year.

-Visited about the benches in the creative district that can display art work in the back of the benches and will try to reserve them for the month of February for 4-H month

8. Comments / Concerns

9. Next Meeting: September 5, 2024 at Noon at the Extension Office.

10. Laura made a motion at 12:32 pm to adjourn, and seconded by Katie. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Winkelbauer