

Cedar County Extension Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Present: Ben Beckman, Jackie Steffen, Cara Wiebelhaus, Katie Winkelbauer, Laura White.

1. Meeting was called to order by Laura White at 12:02pm.
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 Katie seconded. All approved.
4. Educator Reports:

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

- CECO Early Childhood Conference scheduled for March 23 is at capacity with 73 people registered.
- Early childhood initiatives are moving forward in Wyont, Laurel and Hartington.
- Taking a 60-hour RIE Foundations course that is designed to enhance skills and competencies of professionals who work in the field of infant care.
- Developed an Edible Book Challenge
- See report for additional info

Highlights of Beef Specialist's Report-Ben Beckman

- A lot of planning lately
- Leading pesticide trainings in surrounding areas
- SARE ~ High School Youth Forum
- Dixon Crop Educator Search Committee
- Nebraska Legacy Project Meeting
- YQCA training dates set for May 21 & June 11
- See report for additional info

Highlights of Youth Development Educator Report – Megan Hanefeldt

- Ag Innovators, Purple Ribbon Kids, Secrets of Service, Connecting the Dots, Life on the Farm, Aqua Fest
- 4-H Spring Take and Make Kits
- All Things Nebraska Advisory Committee
- Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge
- 4-H Coaching
- See report for additional info

Highlights of 4-H Youth Development Assistant – Cara Wiebelhaus

- Busy 4-H month with promotional packets, 4-H workshop, Movie night
- School Enrichment ~ Purple Ribbon Kids & Secrets of Service
- Library Programming ~ Egg Engineers
- 4-H Zone Day
- See report for additional info

5. Old Business

- NACEB Annual Meeting
- Computer Rotation ~ Marsha's computer has been ordered
- 4-H Council Audit ~ Laura will complete the audit

6. New Business

- PEARS ~ New reporting tool for Extension impact reporting

-Zone 5 Connection Day ~ Two times a year the zone meets. The meeting will be held in Hartington in mid-April. Going to try to have the Lied Randolph Public Library highlight their Markerspace program.
-Exciting opportunities coming within the Cedar County 4-H Programming in 2024

7. Community Needs / Concerns

-Farm Safety at the fair

8. Comments / Concerns

9. Next Meeting: May 3, 2024 at Noon at the Extension Office.

10. Laura made a motion at 12:53 pm to adjourn, and seconded by Katie. All approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Winkelbauer