

Cedar County Extension Board Meeting

Friday January 5, 2024

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

1. Meeting was called to order by Gary Wieseler at 11:56 am.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed; Laura made a motion to approve and Gary seconded. Motion carried, All approved.
3. Financial report presented. Laura made a motion to approve and Gary seconded. Motion carried, All approved.

4. Educator Reports:

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

- Upcoming CECO Conference
- Two professional development opportunities for childcare professionals in January
- Drafted 2024 STEM Imagination Guides and set training dates
- Wrote and submitted the Cedar County Impact at a Glance report
- See report for additional info

Highlights of Beef Specialist's Report-Ben Beckman

- NPFA (Northern Plains Forage Association) meeting was December 1, 2023 ~ was a good meeting
- Continue working on the GrassSnap App ~ Going to get a test
- Range Judging ~ possible scantron cards for the future
- Pesticide Training ~ is going to be led by Ben this year
- Beef Group listening sessions ~ did by calling producers
- Society for Range Management ~ will be attending January 27 – February 1 in Sparks, NV
- See report for additional info

Highlights of Youth Development Educator Report – Megan Hanefeldt

- School Enrichment
- Ag Innovators ~ will be traveling with State Leadership team to Champaign IL for National Training
- 4-H Take and Make Kits were offered to 4-H members
- GIS day in Madison County
- All Things Nebraska Advisory Committee
- See report for additional info

Highlights of 4-H Youth Development Assistant – Cara Wiebelhaus

- Professional Development ~ Attended fall conference in Kearney
- School Enrichment ~ Youth Leadership Summit for 7th & 8th graders at HNPS
- Library Programming ~ Bird Beak Buffett
- Extension Annual Reporting
- See report for additional info

5. Old Business

- Office Remodel ~ is on hold at the moment
- 2023 Impact Report ~ Focus on leadership, the report highlights Emily Soll who was a Cedar County 4-Her and is now an UNL Extension Educator
- Van ~ Repairs were made to the old van and it has been traded in for a newer used van

6. New Business

- Election of Extension Board Officers ~ Laura made a motion for Gary to continue as President, Laura as Vice President and Katie as Secretary and Katie seconded. Motion carried, All approved.
- NACEB Annual Meeting in Lincoln Tuesday February 6, 2024 ~ Extension board members will check calendars and see who can attend. Also waiting to hear back on Friend of Extension Application.
- Computer Rotation ~ the office is going to go to a 4-year rotation and Marsha's computer is currently up for replacement.
- 4-H Council Audit ~ Laura will complete the audit
- Yearly County Clerk Report

7. Community Needs / Concerns

8. Comments / Concerns

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Winkelbauer