

Frontier County Extension Board Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2022

The Frontier County Extension Board held its first meeting of the year on January 31, 2022 at 7:10 p.m. in the NCTA Ag hall conference room. The meeting was called to order by President Emily Lenz. The open meeting poster was noted. Roll call was answered by Emily Lenz, Carol Hanes, Karrie Woehrle, LouAnn Woods, Randy Sheffield, Helen Jurjens, Nick Toberer, Leighlynn Obermiller, and Sami Scherbarth. Also present were Extension Educator Kathy Burr, Administrative Assistant Mandy Contrerez, and Engagement Zone #4 Coordinator Ben Dutton (via Zoom).

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Carol, and a second by Randy. Motion passed unanimously.

The financial report was presented and there were no concerns by any of the members. As of January 20, 2022, the 4-H council had a balance of \$2,333.55.

In the President's report, Emily attended 4-H Achievement Night in Farnam and thought it was very well attended and Farnam Clovers did a great job hosting. Emily will be joining NACEB on the 8th of February as an EZ4 director and will attend the summer meeting. Emily and Mandy took a group of kids to Columbus to the state indoor archery 4-H contest. In the Vice President's report, Carol reported that she went to the commissioner meeting November 5th.

In the Extension Staff report, Ben reported that Brandi Hilton-Hagemann is the new Rural Prosperity Nebraska Educator. The Crop Educator position has not yet been filled. Jo Bek will be presented with the NACEB 2021 "Friend of Extension" Award, she was nominated by Kathy. Yearly summaries from Educators accountable to Frontier County were e-mailed to all board members. Board members then filled out a survey on those reports. Kathy gave the 4-H youth educator report (see agenda for upcoming events).

In Old Business the new constitution and Interlocal agreement were handed out to all board members. They have been approved by the County Commissioners and the County Attorney. After much discussion, Karrie moved to accept the constitution and interlocal agreement as written, Carol seconded. Roll call vote with Emily, Carol, Karrie, LouAnn, Randy, Sami, Helen, Nick, and Leighlynn all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously. Emily will sign the constitution and it will be taken to the February 8th County Commissioner meeting for them to sign, then it will go to the Dean of Extension. The new desk will be in on February 3rd. The office is painted and floors are done. Farnam Clovers hosted achievement night, there were approximately 90 people in attendance. Karrie gave the welcoming address from the Extension Board.

In New Business Kathy reported that Mandy's one year evaluation is due. She was wondering if anyone from the board would be available to assist with the evaluation. Emily is available on February 4th at 1:30. Mandy has been attending the Medicine Creek Chamber of Commerce meetings as a representative of Extension. She has also been elected to a director's position. Randy moved that

Mandy will stay on the clock for the monthly Chamber meetings, but will clock out for the directors meetings, which are held quarterly, Sami seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The board needed to elect officers for the 2022 year. LouAnn moved to the keep the same slate of officers, Helen seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The officers for the 2022 year will be: President-Emily, Vice President-Carol, and Secretary/Treasurer-Karrie. A few board members were able to attend a Statewide Virtual Extension Board Member Training and thought it was well done. It was decided to watch some of the recorded parts of the video at the next meeting. Extension Board member position description were handed out and signed for returning board members. Annual County Report was handed out to be looked at by the board. Kathy will need \$1,600.00 for a new laptop which will be due at the end of the fiscal year in June. Kathy asked the board if there was interest in having Rachel Allison, District Forester for Southwest Nebraska, present a "Virtual Coffee with a Forester". After some discussion, the board told Kathy to see if Rachel would come talk about windbreaks and diseases.

The next meeting will be April 25th at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:06 p.m. Randy moved to adjourn the meeting, Sami seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karrie Woehrle, Secretary