

## Frontier County Extension Board Meeting

October 30, 2023

The Frontier County Extension Board held its quarterly meeting on October 30, 2023, at 7:24 p.m. in 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 members telling what they liked best about fall. The following members were present: Emily Lenz, Carol Hanes, Sami Scherbarth, Helen Jurjens, Nick Toberer, and Randy Sheffield. Leighlynn Obermiller, Karrie Woehrle, and LouAnn Wood were not present. Also present were Extension Educator Kathy Burr and Administrative Assistant Mandy Contrerez.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written by a motion from Nick and second by Sami. Motion passed unanimously.

The financial reports were presented. Our current fiscal financial statement is at 31.43%, total spent was \$34,084.85.

Originally last quarter we voted on a total cost of buying a chair for Kathy and Mandy at \$500. After checking into chairs Mandy requested a chair that went above this cost. Carol moved to accept the increased amount of \$40 to purchase the chair that is more comfortable. The total cost would be \$540. Nick second the motion. Roll call vote: Carol, yes; Randy, yes; Helen, yes; Nick, yes; Emily, yes. Motion carried.

Mandy reported on financials for the 4-H Council.

Emily was unable to attend NACEB due to conflicts. She was in contact with Dave Varner and he has the Big 3 Sign and asked if we wanted Frontier County on our sign. We said yes. Emily and Tyron also competed Shooting Sports training, along with their foster child Adrianna completing an apprenticeship.

Extension Staff Reports were presented in written reports. Several educators have been very busy.

In old business the final 2023-2024 budget was approved for \$108,444.30. Mandy wanted us to know that the county was looking into Health Insurance since the cost keeps rising. The summer intern was discussed. A suggestion to have a high school student come help during the busy times during fair. Helen mentioned that community service is required to get into Honor Society. This type of job would help these students. It was discussed the Fair survey be put out on the 4-H family's emails. New board members to replace Carol, Randy, and LouAnn were discussed. Shane Farr will replace Randy and Ashley Ehlers will replace Carol. We are still looking for one more new board member.

4-H Achievement Day was very successful.

ShoWorks is an on-line pre-entry program for the county fairs. Randy explained that each member would enter their exhibits except for garden and floral. Each item entry would cost \$.25. The Ag Society had offered to split the cost but after discussion the Extension Board offered to pay the entry cost if the 4-H Council would buy the program. It was decided that it would be good publicity for the Extension Board.

Helen made the motion for the Extension Board would absorb the ShoWorks entry cost. Carol seconded the motion. Emily, yes; Carol, yes; Randy, yes; Sami, yes; Helen, yes; Nick, yes; motioned carried.

Office hours were discussed. After last year with little results of people coming to the office between five and six. Randy moved to only be open these hours from June 1<sup>st</sup> thru July 31<sup>st</sup>. Sami second the motion. Motion carried.

2024 Quarterly Meetings plan on 7:00 p.m. Last Monday of the month –January 29, April 29, June 24, October 28, 2024.

At 8:30 p.m. Nick moved to adjourn, Sami second, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R Hanes, Vice President filling in for Karrie Woehrle, Secretary