

Extension Board Meeting – February 1, 2024

Present: Daryl Obermeyer, Dana Baltensperger (representing 4-H council), Tim Nichols, Deborah Solie and Leigh Wakulinski. Staff present: Sheena Davidson

Obermeyer, president, opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Acknowledged the Open Meetings Act on the wall. Solie called roll.

Discussed the extension board training. Main takeaway was that there are limitations around meeting by Zoom. Open meetings act rules should be followed. Davidson has the requirements for publicizing if a meeting will have a zoom option.

Baltensperger moved to approve the December meeting minutes, Nichols seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Discussed financial report. All areas are under budget so no motion required.

Workshop in Auburn on Farm Bill Decisions next week and pesticide training starting next week through March. Today was Lamichhane's first pesticide training.

4-H Program Update:

Davidson updated the beef weigh-in was last Saturday (20 head weighed in). Additional activities are ongoing. She is planning summer workshops and continues to participate in school programming. She joined a home school co-op (60 kids ages range from 4 to 17) and they have met once since the group formed. She continues to talk with teachers and librarians at elementary and middle school to determine dates. She is starting Marathon Kids in Nemaha County in conjunction with a 5th grade during their Fitness Friday class. A running program coordinated by Extension. Does not have to be running only – the goal is a raised heartbeat. This is a partnership with the PE teacher who leads the class.

NACEB Annual Meeting & Legislative Day

Obermeyer signed up to attend, but may not be able to attend now. He can possibly transfer his hotel and registration to any other board member who would like to attend. The dates for the event are Feb 5 and 6.

Annual County Extension Report (signature needed)

The County Extension report is submitted annually to the Nemaha County commissioners. The report includes fliers and example newsletters.

Discussed keeping future meetings at 6 p.m. rather than changing the time and utilizing zoom.

Note: The meeting was held at 6 p.m. in person. Zoom was not used for this meeting.

Next meeting: March 7 meeting at 6 p.m. in the Nemaha County Courthouse.

Obermeyer closed the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Solie