

## March Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024

The Saline County Extension Board meeting was called to order by President Austin Nicholson on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm. Roll call was taken present members included Ross Weber, Sandy Krivohlavek, Gary Baxa, Kay Kottas, Theresa Vernon, Commissioner Phil Hardenberger, Bryce Horak (Ag Society President), and Extension staff including Melanie Kunc, Becky Vales, and Nathan Mueller, and Nicole Stoner.

An addition to the agenda was added regarding a facility update specifically in the restrooms at the front of the building (new business). Melanie Kunc gave the treasurer's report. Ross Weber made a motion to approve the report for the financials of the month of February 2024, and Theresa Vernon seconded. Motion carried and approved.

Nathan Mueller introduced Theresa Vernon to Board as the newest approved Board Member from the NE region. Nicole Stoner presented on horticulture topics and discussed trees. She also provided a report on activity throughout the county with many new developments happening in Crete specifically for community programs.

A WICS programming report was given by Nathan Mueller. Ingrid Lindal's report was handed out regarding early childhood programs. A 4-H programming report was handed out on behalf of Maddie Werner who was unable to attend due to a training event. Becky expanded upon 4-H related talking points.

Other reports included a 4-H Council update. Theresa Vernon reported on a successful 2023 4-H Recognition Program held in March in Crete. Elections occurred for the Council board members at their last meeting and updates continue post audit.

Bryce Horak updated on Ag Society happenings including the activities regarding the fair. He also expressed the need for volunteers.

Phil Hardenberger updated the group on a few happenings at the Commissioner level. Saline County Government day occurred earlier in the day and was a success.

Old business included resurfacing the discussion of the meet room policy. It was brought to a Commissioner meeting by Nathan, but decisions were paused as more discussion was needed on a broader level. Nathan Mueller provided the update regarding the discussion and the stopping point, next steps, and upcoming meeting room uses. (e.g. Czech Days quilt show)

New business presented was reviewing Lynn Steuer's application. He will fill one of the two remaining spots. Ross Weber made a motion to approve Lynn, Sandy Krivohlavek seconded. Motion approved.

A secretary re-election was needed. Theresa Vernon volunteered. She was approved unanimously.

The Board set a date for the financial committee budget planning meeting. Ross Weber, Kay Kottas, Austin Nicholson, Nathan Mueller, and Melanie Kunc will tentatively plan for April 9, at 4:00 pm.

Further discussion occurred regarding bathrooms. The bathroom upgrades would include a diaper changing table and be made into unisex bathrooms. Dan Johnson approached the office with the idea and his budget would be funding the renovation.

Ross Weber made a motion to approve the remodel and Gary Baxa seconded, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm with everyone signing their mileage form and attendance sheet.

Theresa Vernon, Secretary