

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Saline County Extension Board met on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 5:00 PM. Present were Michele Renner, Kellen Novak, Sandy Krivohlavek, Deb Steuk, Austin Nicholson, Aaron Niederklein, Kay Kottas, Theresa Vernon (Ag Society Representative), and Phil Hardenburger (Commissioner Representative). Staff present were Nathan Mueller, Ingrid Lindal, Becky Vales, and Melanie Kunc.

President Kellen Novak call the meeting to order 5:00 PM. Roll call was taken. Two additions were made to the meeting agenda under New Business (formation of a facilities committee and a financial committee). Deb Steuk made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the two additions to New Business. Austin Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Austin Nicholson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2022, meeting. Deb Steuk seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Melanie Kunc shared the financial report. The total money spent for December, 2022, was \$12,731.62. New office equipment included signage, 2 new coffee pots, and updated posters for the Open Meeting Act. Copier rental was due in December. December also included 3 payrolls. Sandy Krivohlavek made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Michele Renner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kay Kottas was introduced as a new extension board member from the Western area. Ingrid Lindal led a team building activity with board members.

Program Area Reports:

Water & Integrated Cropping Systems – Nathan Mueller shared a written report highlighting his activities for 2022. The Southeast Nebraska Soil Health Conference will be held on February 9. Pesticide and chemigation trainings are beginning.

Early Childhood – Ingrid Lindal shared information about her program with Extension Board members via an email. She also shared a handout about Pyramid Year 3 Training: Effective Family Engagement Strategies in Early Care and Education. Ingrid co-taught the training on January 14, 2023. Ingrid also shared about doing a CHIME class for Spanish-speaking parents.

Youth Diversion & Clover Kids – One youth has recently completed the diversion program. Clover Kids will continue in county schools in February under Anita Stougard's guidance.

4-H Youth Development – Becky Vales shared that she is assisting 4-H'ers with online enrollment. The fair book is being updated and ads are being sold by the 4-H Junior Leaders. Contact has been made with static and livestock judges for county fair. The 4-H Recognition and Rewards Banquet will be held on March 5, 2023. Recruitment of new 4-H members and community service projects by 4-H clubs will also be held on this day. Market Beef Weigh Day will be held on February 11, at Weber Feed Yards. The deadline to sign up for Lottery Pigs is January 31.

4-H Educator – A 2022 Summary Statement was shared from Darci Pesek, Jefferson County.

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Other Reports:

4-H Council – Sandy Krivohlavek shared that the council met last Sunday for reorganization and election of officers. Events at county fair and fair book questions were addressed. Their next meeting will be March 5.

Ag Society – Theresa Vernon shared that Ag Society has been working on the schedule for county fair and that all contracts have been signed.

Saline County Commissioners – Phil Hardenburger shared that the commissioners have approved committee assignments. Results from the Home Town Housing project survey will be shared with them at their next meeting on Monday.

Old Business:

Meeting room policy update – The policy for Meeting Room Use was shared with Extension Board members. Input from board members was given. The policy will need to be presented to the county commissioners for feedback and approval. Austin Nicholson made a motion to table discussion about the policy until the next extension board meeting. Deb Steuk seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

4-H Extension Assistant – Madeline Werner will be the new 4-H Extension Assistant. She will begin in February.

County By Laws – Art 1: Extension Board Section 1. Membership. The current bylaw states that “The County Board by resolution will adopt the number of Extension Board members. The Extension Board will be composed of at least three and not more than 12 registered voters in the county, appointed by the County Board from such geographic areas so as to assure equitable representation of the organization’s population.”

The proposed addition is to add the words, “that reside or work” after... “ 12 registered voters in the county...”

Deb Steuk made a motion to approve the changes made to the Extension Board Bylaws under Section 1. Membership. Austin Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The change will need to be reviewed by UNL and then approved and signed by the county commissioners.

Gary Baxa’s Application – Austin Nicholson made a motion to approve Gary Baxa's application for a 2nd term on extension board. Michele Renner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Officer Elections –

President – Sandy Krivohlavek nominated Kellen Novak for president. Sandy made a motion that a unanimous ballot be passed for Kellen. Deb Steuk seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice President – Deb Steuk nominated Austin Nicholson for vice president. Deb Steuk made a motion that a unanimous ballot be passed for Austin. Sandy Krivohlavek seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Secretary – Sandy Krivohlavek nominated Deb Steuk for secretary. Sandy made a motion that a unanimous ballot be passed for Deb. Austin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer – Austin Nicholson nominated Sandy Krivohlavek for treasurer. Austin made a motion that a unanimous ballot be passed for Sandy. Deb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Facilities Committee – This committee will be comprised of Austin Nicholson, Kellen Novak, and Dan Johnson (Saline County custodian).

Budget Committee – This committee will be comprised of Sandy Krivohlavek, Deb Steuk, and Kellen Novak.

NACEB Day – March 28. Ingrid Lindal and Kay Kottas will attend.

The Extension Board Meeting Calendar for 2023 was shared.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

There being no further business, President Kellen Novak adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Renner, Secretary