

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Saline County Extension Board met on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 4:30 PM. Present were Gary Baxa, LuAnn Jackson (via ZOOM), Sandy Krivohlavek, Kellen Novak, Michele Renner, Cheryl Retherford, Deb Steuk, Mark Strouf, and Theresa Vernon. Staff present were Nathan Mueller, Eric Stehlik, Becky Vales, Lou Hajek, and Gage County Extension Educator Nicole Stoner.

President Kellen Novak called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM. Roll call was taken. Theresa Vernon made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Deb Steuk seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried. Gary Baxa made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 26, 2021, meeting. Cheryl Retherford seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer's Report - Lou Hajek shared the financial report. The total money spent for July 2021 was \$22,709.30. July had three pay periods for Lou, Becky, and Eric. An iPad was purchased under "New Office Equipment". Theresa Vernon made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Sandy Krivohlavek seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Program Area Reports:

Nathan Mueller shared information about Lead Educators and an opening in Zone 10 for NACEB. State legislative day in Lincoln will be February 9, 2022. Mark Strouf will be ending his 2nd term at the end of 2021. This position has to be advertised.

Information was also shared about the Interlocal Agreement between Saline County and UNL. Megan Burda will be working with Saline and Thayer counties to update their agreements.

On October 7-8, there will be a Front Door Forum that Becky Vales will be attending. The educators fall conference will be October 26-28 in Kearney.

Water & Integrated Cropping Systems - Nathan Mueller reported that he continues to do articles for the local papers and the website every two weeks. Information for the drought monitor is gathered every week. The weather station near Wilber is being worked on and should be completed by this fall. A field day was held near Western by Ward Labs during county fair. Other events coming up are Soybean & Corn Expo near Mead; Alfalfa & Wheat Expo in Crete on September 2; and Husker Harvest Days.

Youth Diversion & Clover Kids - A written report was shared from Anita Stougard. She is currently working with 1 youth in the Diversion program. Information has been distributed to schools for K-2 for the Clover Kids After School Program.

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4-H Youth Development – Eric Stehlik and Becky Vales shared a written report of their activities. In June, Eric did programs for summer school in Crete and hosted Clover College Days. In July, was Camp Renegade and Camp Venture, followed by county fair. Following fair, Becky and Eric have been working on reports. Advisory Committee meetings will be held this fall.

Other Educator Reports – Nicole Stoner shared that she is in the Wilber office one time a month to answer questions pertaining to plants and trees. There will be two fall shows for Yard & Garden. These shows are recorded and linked on the county website. She is writing articles for the area newspapers every two weeks. Nicole also shared information about the Master Gardener program, Grow Big Red, and a program that will be held at Tall Tastings in Beatrice. She will be at Husker Harvest Days for one day.

Other Reports:

4-H Council – Theresa Vernon shared that the council met on August 1 and discussed county fair activities. 4-H record books are due September 17. 4-Hers shared that they liked the backpacks that were given for winning showmanship. 4-H Recognition Day will be held in February or March 2022, with an ice cream social. Bids are out for purchasing pigs for the lottery pig program.

FCE – Cheryl Retherford shared that the final meeting for FCE will be held in September or October. The state conference is September 10-11, but Cheryl has not received any information about it yet.

Ag Society – Theresa Vernon reported that county fair was a success with attendance up for many of the activities (Figure 8/Demolition Derby; concert, rodeo). The parade will be at a different time next year. The Crete Fire Department was pleased with the turnout for the barbecue on Saturday night. There are openings on the Ag Society Board.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Discussion was held about changing the meeting date and time for the next meeting. Megan Burda will be attending to work with us on the Interlocal Agreement. The board decided to hold the next meeting on September 22, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Nathan will check

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with Megan about the date and time. He will email board members if the time needs to change.

There being no further business, Theresa Vernon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deb Steuk seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Renner, Secretary