

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Saline County Extension Board met on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 5:00 PM. Present were Michele Renner, Kellen Novak, Deb Steuk, Austin Nicholson, and Phil Hardenburger. Staff present were Eric Stehlik, Nathan Mueller, Becky Vales, and Melanie Kunc.

President Kellen Novak call the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. Roll call was taken. Deb Steuk made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2022, meeting. Austin Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by executive board vote.

Treasurer's Report – Melanie Kunc shared the financial report. The total money spent for June 2022, was \$16,966.38. Austin Nicholson made a motion approve the treasurer's report. Michele Renner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by executive board vote. Monthly itemized financial reports for UNL, Extension, and 4-H Council can be looked at by board members at any time.

Program Area Reports:

Water & Integrated Cropping Systems – Nathan Mueller reported that Winter Wheat Variety Trial went well. There was the double the attendance from last year's trial. Nathan spoke at the South Central Ag meeting and helped with events at county fair. The 4 R Field Day will be held at Mead. In August, the corn/soybean clinic will be held. The 2nd Alfalfa & Wheat Expo will be held in September. Nathan will be at the Nebraska Wheat Board booth and the extension booth during Husker Harvest Days, also in September.

Early Childhood – Ingrid Lindal was not present at the meeting but shared a written report of the Nebraska 4-H STEM Reading Connections Program. She visited public libraries in Crete, Auburn, Friend, and Beatrice. About 70 children and families were reached through this program.

Youth Diversion & Clover Kids – No report.

4-H Youth Development – Becky Vales and Eric Stehlik reported that fair results have been sent to area newspapers. They are currently working on entries for state fair for livestock and static exhibits. Bids for lottery pigs have been sent out. Ag Festival for 4th graders in Saline County will be Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

UNL Extension Intern – Alexis Gerritse was not present at the meeting but shared a report of her experiences as a summer intern.

Other Reports:

4-H Council – Eric Stehlik said the council will have a meeting on July 28, 2022. They will review the county fair, discuss camp scholarships and the ice cream social held during fair. He shared that the ice cream social was not well attended.

Ag Society – Eric Stehlik said Ag Society will have a meeting in about 2 weeks. They will be looking at dates for the 2023 county fair.

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Saline County Commissioners – Phil Hardenburger shared information about the county budget process which they will begin working on next week. The county budget year runs from July 1 to June 30, but budgets are not due until September. Phil also shared information about the Wind Farms in the area. He told the board about how much money the county has received from the Wind Farms and how the money is allocated to the general fund, school districts, and landowners. Phil said that a group from Iowa will be speaking to the commissioners on City-County Solutions. This is information about work force housing in the county. He also shared information about the Railroad Transportation Safety District.

Old Business – None

New Business –

Extension Board Video – A video about Board Member Roles & Responsibilities was watched by the board members and extension staff present.

Office Emergency Action Plan – The plan has been completed and approved.

Other – It was discussed that a meeting room policy needed to be developed for outside groups wanting to use the meeting room(s) at the extension office. Currently, non-profit groups can use the rooms for free. The extension office staff will put some ideas for a policy together. They will be shared through email and discussed at the September meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

There being no further business, Austin Nicholson made a motion to adjourn the executive session of the meeting. Deb Steuk seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by executive board vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Renner, Secretary