

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Saline County Extension Board met on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 5:00 PM. Present were Michele Renner, Sandy Krivohlavek, Deb Steuk, Austin Nicholson, Gary Baxa, LuAnn Jackson, Theresa Vernon, and Phil Hardenburger. Staff present were Eric Stehlik, Melanie Kunc, Becky Vales, Nathan Mueller, Ingrid Lindal, Darci Pesek (via ZOOM), and Alexis Gerritse (UNL Extension Intern).

Vice President Austin Nicholson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Roll call was taken. Theresa Vernon made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Gary Baxa seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Theresa Vernon made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 30, 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 April, 2022, was \$13,773.09. LuAnn Jackson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Sandy Krivohlavek seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Theresa Vernon asked about seeing a more itemized list of expenditures for the month. Nathan Mueller and Melanie Kunc will provide a list at the next meeting.

Program Area Reports:

4-H Educator, Darci Pesek (Jefferson, Saline, Gage Counties) – Darci shared, via ZOOM, about activities with 4-Hers in Jefferson, Saline, and Gage counties.

Water & Integrated Cropping Systems – Nathan Mueller reported that he has answered agronomy questions from about 90 clients during the month of April. He keeps track of the contacts to help with program planning. On May 17, 2022, a crop scouting clinic was held in Mead. There were about 60 attendees. A statewide extension meeting was held in Lincoln the first week of May. On June 9, 2022, the winter wheat variety tour will take place. The south-central Ag. Lab is coming up soon.

Early Childhood – Ingrid Lindal shared information about the babysitting clinic held in Wilber. Twenty-five teenagers attended. A babysitting clinic will be held in Beatrice on May 26, 2022. Ingrid will be implementing STEM imagination guides at local libraries.

Youth Diversion & Clover Kids – No report.

4-H Youth Development – No report.

Other Reports:

4-H Council – Theresa Vernon shared that 4 scholarships were presented to Saline County high school graduating seniors. The council also made plans for the ice cream social to be held during the Saline County Fair.

Ag Society – Eric Stehlik reported that lottery hogs and sheep were chosen in April. Sheep and goats were tagged for rate of gain. The fair book is out at local businesses. The premium auction committee donated 8 wheelbarrows, a new chest freezer for the 4-H food stand, and a cart for water to be used during the county fair. The extension office staff will no longer be helping with the premium auction during the fair.

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Old Business – None

New Business –

The 2022-2023 Saline County Extension budget was reviewed and discussed. Sandy Krivohlavek made a motion to approve the budget. LuAnn Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Extension Board Video – A video about extension law and funding was watched by the board.

Community Mapping Exercise – The extension staff shared information about the Community Asset Mapping exercise they participated in. The staff and board brainstormed and added to the map community existing resources and networks. This will be a work in progress.

The next meeting will be July 27, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

There being no further business, Deb Steuk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. LuAnn Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Renner, Secretary