

**Nebraska Extension in Seward County - Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 5:30 PM**  
**Seward County Extension Office in Seward, NE**

1. Meeting was called to order by Clark at 5:35 PM with Ann Dobesh and Emily Manning present in the office and Jennifer Eickhoff, Krystal Naber, Christine Haney-Douglas, Clark Jackson, and Carrie Gottschalk present via Zoom because of weather.
  1. Members present met guidelines for quorum at 5:39 PM when Christine joined via Zoom.
  2. Open Meetings Act guidelines were posted.
  3. Date and location of meeting was announced.
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  1. There were no amendments or additions to the agenda.
  2. Krystal moved to approve the agenda, Jennifer seconded, motion carried.
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  1. Krystal moved to approve the previous meeting minutes, Christine seconded, motion carried.
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  1. Financial reports were presented, with the only larger unusual expense being the renewal of ShoWorks software subscription used for County Fair. Christine moved to approve financial reports, Krystal seconded, motion carried.
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  1. There is a briefing tonight for those who plan to attend the upcoming NASEB Legislative Day on Feb. 6. Board members attending were discussed. Office will turn in registrations on Monday.
  2. Jennifer signed up to give her board report in June. All other members present have chosen their month.
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  1. After discussion, Jennifer moved to approve the following slate of board officers for 2024: President – Krystal, Vice President – Christine, Treasurer – Clark, and Secretary – Jennifer. Krystal seconded, motion carried.
  2. Emily and Carrie discussed ideas from other Extension Boards on how to enhance our content through speakers and guests. It was agreed to try it this year. Emily will reach out to Educators for their schedules first, then we will proceed with extending invitations to other guests.
  3. A QR code was given, and we were encouraged to participate in the annual evaluation of our Educators.
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  1. No Commissioner report.
  2. Krystal reported from the board about her new position with NRCS based in York. Will be interesting to see differences between Seward and York counties in this area of programming. The tough winter weather and the effects on livestock and equipment were discussed.
  3. Carrie reported on the NASEB Legislative Day, the continued elevated importance of engagement within Extension, and discussed the recent UNL recognition by the Carnegie Institute for excellence in community engagement. Approved budget cuts through the University means more partnerships and grants will be needed to keep programming going.
  4. Ann reported for 4-H Council that weather delayed their meeting until the end of the month. They will be holding elections of officers, and planning for Nebraska 4-H Month and the annual Phone-a-thon fundraiser with the Jr. Leaders.
  5. Brittney joined the meeting to explain her annual report that was included in our meeting packets. This included her programming with the Jr. Leaders, Healthy Habits, Building Better

Babysitters, and more. Ann presented her annual report and discussed her programming in the areas of College and Career Readiness and Financial Literacy, and the recent Holiday Maker Day. Emily also included her annual report and discussed her podcast, the Communities for Kids partnership, and the CHIME program. Other Educator's annual reports were also included in meeting materials for review.

8. Krystal moved to adjourn at 6:33 PM, Christine seconded, motion carried. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM.