

## Nebraska Extension in Seward County - Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM

### Seward County Extension Office in Seward, NE

1. Meeting was called to order by Krystal at 5:34 PM with the following present: Krystal Naber, Christine Haney-Douglas, Clark Jackson, Jenn Nantkes, Peggy Oborny, Jennifer Eickhoff, Ann Dobesh, Emily Manning, Ken Schmieding, Paul Brune, Thays Silva, Brittney Emerson, Kaitlin Chapman, and Alison Rook
  1. Members present met guidelines for quorum
  2. Open Meetings Act guidelines were posted
  3. Date and location of meeting was announced
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  1. The agenda was amended to add Paul Brune in place of 4-H Council - item 7.3
  2. Christine moved to approve the amended agenda, Jenn seconded, motion carried
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  1. Christine moved to approve the previous meeting minutes, Jenn seconded, motion carried
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  1. Financial reports were presented and discussed. Peggy moved to approve financial reports, Krystal seconded, motion carried. The budget committee will be contacted soon to begin work.
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  1. A group picture of the board members was taken after the meeting for the website
  2. The NASEB Summer Meeting will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> in O'Neill. The agenda is not published yet, but a tour of the area and informational sessions will occur. Registration fees will be covered for those board members who wish to attend. Book hotels early as they go fast.
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  1. Sarah Browning (Extension Educator in Horticulture, Landscape and Environmental Systems) will be at our next meeting. Hopefully our Master Gardeners can attend as well.
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  1. Clark reported on continuing manpower shortages and ways they are trying to manage that, including training and recruiting people who may not have experience but are willing to learn the necessary skills on the job. Improving efficiency of certain jobs using automation may also be more utilized in the future.
  2. Ken reported on some updates from the Commissioners, including making the entry to the Extension Office handicap accessible, and an update to the fairgrounds tribute statue project. We viewed the latest drawing and he said physical work at the site has begun. Alison then reported from the Aging Services Department on her work with the three senior centers in the county and how they can share programming and also expand out to other towns in the county. She is working on some partnerships with Extension Educators and 4-H youth to build intergenerational connections, and discussed how every generation engages differently as they age.
  3. Paul encouraged everyone to attend the NASEB summer meeting, asked for feedback from the Legislative Day, and reassured us that the impact statements gathered each year are being used. He asked us to continue to spread the word in our communities to help fill Educator vacancies, asked for suggestions for NASEB, and we brainstormed locations for a tour during next year's meeting that will be held in York or Seward county.
  4. Carrie was unable to attend, but submitted a written report.
  5. Thays provided a written report and gave a presentation on her recent trip to Portugal. A professional development program concerning healthy eating in childcare settings was

developed in Nebraska, utilized by Lisbon University in Portugal, and she was part of a team from Nebraska who traveled to see how they implemented the program in Portugal. Kait reported on her current programming including bed bugs, ticks, and head lice. Nit Kits are being provided to schools with materials in six different languages for families to utilize, and there are new 'Pick Your Tick' stations coming soon to help people find and safely remove ticks on site. Emily provided a written report and went over highlights. Brittney provided a written report and went over highlights. Cindy provided a written report. Ann provided a written report and went over highlights.

8. Jenn moved to adjourn at 7:09 PM, Peggy seconded. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 5:30 PM.