

Nebraska Extension in Seward County - Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 5:30 PM
Seward County Extension Office in Seward, NE

1. Meeting was called to order by Krystal at 5:31 PM with the following present: Krystal Naber, Christine Haney-Douglas, Clark Jackson, Jennifer Eickhoff, Emily Manning, and Ken Schmieding
 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 move item 6.1 (Fiscal Year Budget 24-25) to beginning of meeting
 2. Christine moved to approve the amended agenda, Jennifer seconded, motion carried
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 1. The proposed budget for 2024-25 that had been previously reviewed by the committee was presented. Some wage items are still in negotiation through the county. Office Equipment budget was increased to purchase computers this year in accordance with the replacement schedule. Krystal moved to approve the 2024-25 budget non-wage items as presented, Jennifer seconded, motion carried.
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 1. Krystal moved to approve the previous meeting minutes, Clark seconded, motion carried
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 1. Financial reports were presented and discussed. An accidental coding error put \$990.75 in account 2-1200 instead of 2-1801, and has been brought to the county's attention. Jennifer moved to approve financial reports, Krystal seconded, motion carried.
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 1. The NASEB Summer Meeting will be held on June 22nd in O'Neill. The agenda and all information is on their website and also on their Facebook page. Registration link was sent out via email and fees will be covered for those board members who wish to attend.
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 1. Ken reported that the Commissioners have begun working on next year's budget. It will be tight, but it's going well. Excavation started today for the fairgrounds tribute statue project. Dirt was brought in, the stakes are out, and the final design has been approved. Over \$90,000 has been raised for this project with some donations and grants possibly yet to come. There will be an open house sometime in September.
 2. Jennifer reported on possible collaborations between organizations and programs in the county. A recent Milford Senior Center newsletter stated that coupons were being given to qualifying senior citizens to use at Farmer's Markets across the state, and she suggested utilizing that same process for SNAP recipients to remove the stigma of using their SNAP cards in that setting, as we discussed in our last meeting. Emily will put Jennifer in touch with Thays Silva. She also reminded everyone that churches are great resources for assisting in county programming. They're also looking at ways to serve their communities, and can be a great resource for facility use, volunteers, childcare during events, etc.
 3. Carrie Gottschalk submitted a written report. We were asked to give our suggestions on a list of potential topics for board member training modules being developed. Emily was going to see what information has already been gathered about Jeff Krivohlavek from his county award last fall to be used in nominations for a state NASEB award this fall. She will forward any

information found to the Nominations Committee (Peggy & Jennifer) to begin the application process.

4. No report from 4-H Council
5. Ann Dobesh, Cindy Wolverton, and Emily presented written reports. Emily went over highlights of her programming including her last podcast of the season and a survey on ideas for next season, becoming certified in a program called Bringing Baby Home, and a new program coming soon teaching about lights and shadows learning for infants and toddlers.
8. Jennifer moved to adjourn at 6:14 PM, Clark seconded, motion carried.

Sarah Browning was unable to attend, so her presentation scheduled for after the meeting was postponed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2024.