

**Nebraska Extension in Seward County - Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 5:30 PM**  
**Seward County Extension Office in Seward, NE**

1. Meeting was called to order by Krystal at 5:35 PM with the following present: Krystal Naber, Christine Haney-Douglas, Peggy Oborny, Jennifer Eickhoff, Ann Dobesh, Emily Manning, Ken Schmieding, Cindy Wolverton, and Carrie Gottschalk
  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. There were no amendments or additions to the agenda
  2. Jennifer moved to approve the agenda, Christine seconded, motion carried
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  1. Christine moved to approve the previous meeting minutes, Peggy seconded, motion carried
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  1. Financial reports were presented and discussed. Christine moved to approve financial reports, Jennifer seconded, motion carried.
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  1. Emily gave an update on the budget. Information was provided on what was originally submitted to the Commissioners, and the revised budget after hearings. Adjustments were made after paid internships and transfers to sinking funds have been eliminated by the county, and it will be re-submitted for approval.
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  1. A draft of the nomination form for Jeff Krivohlavek's NASEB award was presented, and options for contacts were identified to help fill in gaps of information so it can get finished up and submitted. It was also suggested that the Concordia Baseball Team be nominated. If information cannot be gathered in time this year, they will be our focus next year.
  2. Ideas were generated on potential nominees to fill Peggy's At-Large board position that is ending at the end of this year. Various people will make contacts and update the group.
  3. Kait Chapman will be a guest at our next meeting. Members of the community that could benefit from hearing about her programming were discussed and various people will send on information after Emily makes contact with Kait about specifics on her presentation.
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  1. Ken commended the office on their professionalism and operations. He will be sending out information on a mini open house to view progress on the statue tribute at the fairgrounds. The scope of the project has been expanded with interest, and therefore fundraising is still ongoing.
  2. Peggy reported on starting a new school year at Milford Elementary, including new leadership, a new math curriculum, and a new program called "WIN" (What I Need) to address differences in reading levels among students.
  3. Carrie provided a written report. She highlighted open positions in Colfax and Butler counties, and a handout about being an effective extension advocate.
  4. Ann provided the 2024 fair report. While dairy and static exhibits remain steady, poultry and horse entries increased, and hogs had a noticeable decrease. The 4-H'ers enjoyed the club contest of a scavenger hunt throughout the fair, Staplehurst Livestock was recognized for 100 years as a 4-H club, and feedback from families for next year's fair is encouraged.

5. Emily provided a written report, and highlighted her podcast by asking us to hand out postcards on how to listen to the new season. Dr. Ronnie and Jane Green were her latest guests discussing being modern grandparents. Cindy provided a written report and highlighted her responsibilities leading up to and during county and state fairs, as well as upcoming programming planning happening now for this fall. Brittney Emerson also submitted a written report.
8. Christine moved to adjourn at 6:55 PM, Peggy seconded. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 5:30 PM.