

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: October 10, 2016

Meeting called to order by: Chair Glen Borland called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Borland, Hartz and Kannard were present. Zastrow (8:36 a.m.) and Patrick (8:38 a.m.) joined the meeting shortly after starting.

Agents Present: Georgson and Eisenmann.

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Daily Union

Certification of Open Meetings Law: The agenda has been duly posted and the door is open.

Roll Call (establish a quorum)

Approval of Agenda for Possible Rearrangement: None

Approval of September 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by Hartz, seconded by Kannard, to approve the September 12, 2016 minutes as printed. Motion unanimously approved.

Communications: None

Public Comment: None

Item: Update on 4-H Youth Development Agent Hiring Process

Eisenmann updated the committee that Bruce Jones has been hired at the Interim 4-H Youth Development Agent and will start on November 1, 2016.

Item: Update, Discussion and Input on the nEXT Generation Model

Eisenman and Wehmeier reported that there has been somewhat of a reorganization with the addition of a committee that seems to be comprised of a smaller group of key decision makers. Still a rough timeline of March 2017.

Item: Update of Jefferson County potentially Hosting Farm Technology Days

Georgson stated that since the County Board's adoption of hosting the 2019 Farm Technology Days, we have been moving ahead in the formation of the Executive Committee. Finalizations to the committee will be made this week. An informational meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for next week. Once the Executive Committee is formed, one of their first tasks will be to select a host farm site. Georgson is hopeful that this task can be completed by Thanksgiving. At that point, committees will start up such as fundraising. Questions followed. Georgson stated that there is enthusiasm within the County; we have had almost weekly contact from individuals starting that they are willing to help with this or that. Our office has been building our file of these ideas and volunteers.

Item: Update of 2016 Monthly Budget

Georgson stated that there is really nothing new to report. We continue to be on track to have savings in 2016. Questions were asked on how the vacancy savings were handled. Wehmeier reminded the committee that the 2016 133 contract will be reconciled in the first part of 2017. For the 2017 budget, the difference in salaries due to vacant agent positions has been placed in a contingency fund pending on the nEXT Generation outcome.

Item: Discussion of Monthly Agent Reports

Eisenmann's monthly report was sent electronically to the committee prior to the meeting. Georgson's report was handed out at the meeting. Review and highlights from their written monthly reports were provided by Eisenmann and Georgson. Discussion occurred.

Upcoming Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:

The next committee meeting will be held on November 14, 2016. Future Agenda items: nEXT Generation, Expectations of the 4-H Program, Farm Technology Days,

Adjournment:

A motion was made Patrick, seconded by Zastrow, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.