

Minutes of the Barton County University of Missouri Extension Council

Established October 1, 1961 the purpose of Barton County University of Missouri Extension Council is to oversee educational programs and improve local citizen's lives by addressing their highest priorities through the application of research-based knowledge and resources.

The Barton County University of Missouri Extension Council was called to order by Chairman Lee Howard on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present:

Leisa Blanchard
Mark Clements
Paul Crabtree
Lendi Davis
Lee Howard
Sherry Keith
Dean McKibben
Cinda Miller
Joyce Moser
Sondra Smith
Dale Robertson
Barb Thrasher
Dennis Wilson
Charles Winslow

Council members absent:

Lynn Calton
Darrell Kentner
Chad McCulloch
Jesse Medlin
Susan Roland

Council members excused:

Belinda Shoff

Youth Representatives absent:

Hannah Moyer
Nate Cable

Staff present:

Kathy Macomber
Lydia Kaume
Jill Scheidt
Elaine Davis
Denise Hodson

Staff Reports (December and January)

Kathy Macomber reported that she coordinated "Affordable Care Act" training in Jasper, Cedar, Barton and Dade counties. She has been planning for EXCEL classes in Barton and Vernon counties; Barton's class was canceled because there wasn't enough participation. Kathy attended a UMEA meeting on campus. During the months she has participated in conference calls for: business recovery programming, Healthy Nevada, UMEA. Kathy attended the Regional Extension Council meeting.

Jill Scheidt reported there were over 100 in attendance for the Soils & Crops meeting. She gave presentations at the Clever Regional Hay School, Barry County Soils and Crops and at the Dade County Hay School. Jill does a monthly radio ag report on station 107.7 from Stockton.

Elaine Davis reported that she led two sessions at the 4-H Member/Leader Training held at Neosho. She sends out 125 copies of the "Clover Grower" each month by mail and email. Elaine presented information at the Soils & Crops meeting about the "Invest an Acre" project. Janet LaFon presented a budgeting workshop to 18 students in the EXCEL program at Lamar High School.

Lydia Kaume reported she is busy with "Cooking Matters for Teens" classes in Joplin, did a presentation at Rotary on the Men's Health Project, and a new "Stay Strong Stay Healthy" class has started in January. She has

been presenting the “Affordable Care Act” training. She continues to meet with the Change Club and has written an article for Ag News.

Theresa Dalby was unable to attend the council meeting and Lee Howard encouraged the council members to read her report.

Denise Hodson reported regular activities for the month and she is busy with end-of-the-year activities. Ballots for the 2014 council elections were mailed, the 2013 Annual Report was completed and mailed to the Regional Director and office inventory almost completed.

Council Training

Jill Scheidt gave a brief training on Water Quality and how to protect it when applying pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. She was awarded a grant to bring this information to the local citizens.

A seven minute video about Legislative Day, February 18 was viewed. Lee Howard encouraged council members to attend.

Review and Approval of Business

Minutes for December 2, 2013 were reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Leisa Blanchard to accept the minutes and seconded by Dale Robertson. Motion carried.

Minutes for December 27, 2013 were reviewed. Motion was made by Lee Howard to accept the minutes and seconded by Dean McKibben. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Travel were reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Dale Robertson to accept the financial report and travel and seconded by Leisa Blanchard. Motion carried.

Old Business

A. 2014 Election results

The following were elected:

Dist. I

1. Clifford Blanchard
2. Lendi Davis
3. Jesse Medlin
4. Marshall Miller

Dist. II

1. Leisa Blanchard
2. Roger Mayfield
3. Ed Patterson
4. Clark Wood

B. 2014 Budget report

Lee Howard reported that word was received from the Barton County Commissioners’ that our appropriations for 2014 would \$79,000. This is a \$1000 increase from 2013; the request was for \$81,000.

New Business

A. Annual Meeting plans

It was announced that the Annual Meeting would be held on Monday, February 24, 6:30 pm at Lamar First Baptist Church and David Baker, Assistant Dean of Agriculture, would be the guest speaker. Invitations will be mailed the first of next week. Lee Howard encouraged the council members to attend and help celebrate the successes of Barton County Extension in 2013.

Announcements

Lee Howard reviewed the Upcoming Programs and encouraged council members to attend the events and programs.

Lee Howard adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Next council meeting will be March 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Moser, Secretary