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 Sondra Smith on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

**Council members present:**
Clifford Blanchard  
Leisa Blanchard  
Lynn Calton  
Lendi Davis  
Dean McKibben  
Roger Mayfield  
Joyce Moser  
Dale Robertson  
Sondra Smith  
Dennis Wilson

**Council members absent:**
Paul Crabtree  
Sherry Keith  
Chad McCulloch  
Susan Roland  
Charlie Winslow  
Clark Wood

**Council members excused:**
Jesse Medlin  
Marshall Miller  
Ed Patterson  
Barb Thrasher

**Youth Representative present:**
Tony Morgan

**Youth Representative excused:**
Kathy Macomber  
Jill Scheidt  
Elaine Davis

**Staff present:**
Kathy Macomber  
Jill Scheidt  
Elaine Davis  
Theresa Dalby  
Denise Hodson

**Guest Speaker:**
Mark Jenner

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Mark Jenner, Agriculture Business Specialist, housed in Bates County with responsibilities in Barton County, provided the council with an overview of his job responsibilities, the types of programs he can provide, and examples of tools and presentations that he has been developing to help local farmers with the “business” of a family farm.

**Staff Reports**
Kathy Macomber reported that she has been working in Taney County to help establish a Farmer’s Market in Branson. She and John Adams continue to explore options for a grocery store in Liberal. Kathy is working with Leisa Blanchard and Barton County Memorial Hospital to implement and complete a County Health Assessment survey.

Jill Scheidt reported that the 2014 Crop Scouting program is going well and the annual Wheat Tour was held with around 70 attending. She also taught a “raised bed” gardens class at a Master Gardener’s meeting, a plant class during Greenfield Summer School. Jill encouraged the council members to view the You Tube video she created about how to scout for armyworms.
Lydia Kaume was unable to attend because of illness. Kathy Macomber showed the council a video about the “Cooking Matters” classes she has provided in the area. Sondra Smith encouraged the council members to read the rest of her report.

Elaine Davis reported that Achievement Day and the “make-up” Achievement Day went very well. She also reported that there is a change this year for Regional Achievement Day; it will be held at and during Ozark Empire Fair and Matt Davison, Lamar State Farm insurance agent, made a donation to help offset the cost for the 4-H families attending. During Lamar Summer School she, Teen Leaders and Jill Scheidt presented a water quality program.

Tony Morgan reported about all the activities and leadership opportunities he has participated in this summer.

Theresa Dalby reported she has presented “Kids in the Kitchen” classes at Lamar and Liberal summer schools. She is doing raised garden beds with the kids at AOK; plants are up and the kids are excited. Theresa has assisted Lydia with “Cooking Matters” classes, presented programs at the local Farmers’ Market and is walking with a group taking the governors’ “100 mile Challenge”.

Denise Hodson reported she has proctored five tests for MSSU students and is seeing MU students using the office to take tests. She continues to weekly update the county webpage with the current crop scouting report and resources.

**Review and Approval of Business**
Minutes for April 7, 2014 were reviewed by council members. Because there wasn’t a quorum the Executive Committee approved the minutes. Motion was made by Dean McKibben to accept the minutes and seconded by Joyce Moser. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Travel were reviewed by council members. Because there wasn’t a quorum the Executive Committee approved the financial and travel reports. Motion was made by Dean McKibben to accept the financial report and travel and seconded by Joyce Moser. Motion carried.

**Old Business**
A. County Audit report
Sondra Smith reported that Dean McKibben, Joyce Moser and herself met prior to council meeting and audited the financial records and found everything to be in order with no discrepancies.

**New Business**
A. Lamar Fair
i. Leisa Blanchard asked if the Extension trailer could be used by Barton County Memorial Hospital to provide a place for a Community Health Assessment survey. This survey is required by the Affordable Care Act and the hospital is looking for a place to reach as many as possible local citizens. The hospital may be providing an incentive to those who fill out the survey. It was a consensus of the council members present to allow BCMH to use the trailer provided it doesn’t violate any MU Extension policies.

ii. The work schedule was passed around for council members to sign-up.

iii. It was also announced that there would be “Centennial” T-shirts for each council member who worked.
iv. Denise Hodson announced that the Paul Crabtree family has a Century Farm this year. The presentation will be made at the livestock auction on Friday evening.

Announcements
There were no announcements.

Sondra Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Next council meeting will be August 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Moser, Secretary