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, April 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present:
Leisa Blanchard
Clifford Blanchard
Lendi Davis
Ted Frieden
Lee Howard
Eric Lawrence
Bradley Morgan
Kathy Pace
Ed Patterson
Dale Robertson
Dennis Wilson

Council members absent:
Lynn Calton
Sherry Keith
Chad McCulloch
Roger Mayfield
Chad McCulloch
Jesse Medlin
Belinda Shoff
Clark Wood

Council members excused:
Marshall Miller
Charlie Winslow

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

Youth representative present:
Tony Morgan

II. Staff Reports
Kathy Macomber reported she has been working with John Adams to organize SET for area counties, provided leadership training in several venues and is preparing for her trip to Costa Rica which is part of the NELD training she is participating in.

Jill Scheidt reported the Crop Scouting program is going well and she has made a how-to-video on “Taking Wheat Tiller Population Counts”. She was interviewed by 107.7 for their Ag Connection and has written articles for several area newspapers.

Elaine Davis reported is providing Character Counts at Lamar Head Start, Teen Leaders are finishing up the Media Smart program, and the Lamar High School Youth EXCEL group enjoyed their Community Tour.

Theresa Dalby reported she has been presenting Show Me Nutrition at Immanuel Lutheran School in Lockwood, Golden City Elementary and Liberal Elementary. She also assisted Newton County NPA, Julie Graue, with a demonstration at Food For Less in Joplin.
Denise Hodson reported she has been updating the county webpages with the weekly crop scouting report. She also handed out copies of the By-Laws and a listing of contact information for council members.

III. Council Training
Kathy Macomber asked council members to review the program descriptions contained in their packet in preparation for next month’s training. This will provide feedback to the specialists about desired programs for the year.

IV. Review and Approval of Business
Minutes for March 2, 2015 were reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Ted Frieden to accept the minutes and seconded by Lendi Davis. Motion carried.

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

V. Old Business
   A. Nutrition position
Lee Howard reported that he had visited with Jay Chism, Regional Director, and the nutrition position will be posted by the end of the month and hopefully the position will be filled by start of school.

VI. New Business
   A. 2015 State Fair Farm Family
Lendi Davis nominated Charles Winslow family to represent Barton County at the Missouri State Fair, Eric Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dale Robertson nominated Paul Crabtree family to be the alternate family, Ted Frieden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

   B. Future programming
Kathy Macomber talked to the council about ideas to engage new audiences and clientele by having monthly workshops. This concept will be further explored at next month’s meeting during the “Hip Pocket” presentation.

VII. Executive Session
   A. Staff Evaluations
Eric Lawrence made a motion to go into Executive Session, Ted Frieden seconded the motion. After completing staff evaluations, Leisa Blanchard made a motion to adjourn Executive Session.

Lee Howard adjourned the meeting.

Next full council meeting will be Monday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pace, Secretary