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.

I. Call to Order
The Barton County University of Missouri Extension Council was called to order by Chairman Lee Howard on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present:
Clifford Blanchard
Lynn Calton
Ted Frieden
Lee Howard
Bradley Morgan
Kathy Pace
Ed Patterson
Dale Robertson
Belinda Shoff
Dennis Wilson
Charlie Winslow

Council members absent:
Lendi Davis
Sherry Keith
Eric Lawrence
Chad McCulloch
Jesse Medlin
Clark Wood

Council members excused:
Leisa Blanchard
Roger Mayfield
Marshall Miller

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

Youth representative excused:
Tony Morgan

II. Staff Reports
Kathy Macomber reported that she had participated in NELD in Washington DC, provided strategic planning in Stone County, and working with “Healthy Heroes” to provide a fitness program for phones. Kathy will be taking days off in the coming months to work on completing her dissertation.

Jill Scheidt reported that she created a new video on corn pollination for the crop scouting program, there were 50 in attendance for the Irrigation Tour and she presented a program on Japanese beetles at a Rotary meeting.

Lindsey Stevenson reported she is becoming acquainted with Lamar and Barton County. Lindsey has been observing classes around the region, working on training for future programs, has a “Stay Strong Stay Healthy” class scheduled and will going to campus for more training.

Elaine Davis reported that it is the middle of “fair season” and there were 69 entries at the county Exhibit Day. Elaine announced that the local article about the internet safety class was picked up by Ag Clips, an internet news service.
Theresa Dalby reported that she has been presenting “Eat Smart” and “Small Steps to Health” at Good Samaritan, she assisted with “Cooking Matters” at OACAC in Greenfield and has nutrition displays at the grocery stores in Lockwood, Golden City, Lamar and 10th Street Farmers Market.

Denise Hodson reported she keeps the county webpages updated, added Jill’s newest crop scouting video, and proctored two tests for MSSU.

III. Council Training
Jill Scheidt gave a presentation on the NACAA convention that she attended in Sioux Falls, SD.

IV. Review and Approval of Business
Minutes for July 6, 2015 were reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Clifford Blanchard to accept the minutes and seconded by Belinda Shoff. Motion carried.

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

V. Old Business
A. New Copier
Denise Hodson reported that aside from Modern Copy Systems there had only been one other bid received on a new copier. Dale Robertson made a motion to purchase a new copier from Modern Copy Systems and use funds from the Grant Account and new equipment line item in the General Expenses account; motion seconded by Ed Patterson. Motion carried.

B. State Fair Farm Family
Charlie Winslow announced that his family would be attending the State Fair.

C. Lamar Fair
The work schedule sign-up was passed around. The give-aways have been purchased and fair visitors will be encouraged to play “Plink-O” to learn a fact about MU Extension and win a prize. We have five Century Farms in Barton County this year and they will be recognized on Friday evening of the fair prior to the livestock auction at Moore Pavilion.

VI. New Business
A. Annual County Program Input
The Annual County Program Input session will be on Monday, October 5. A light meal will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by a short council meeting and then the ACPI session. Because the ACPI will in October, the council will begin working on nominees for candidates for the 2016 council elections at the September council meeting.

B. Portable PA system
Ted Frieden made a motion to purchase a small portable PA system for $249.99, using funds from the Short Course/Ag account; Charlie Winslow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
VI. Announcements
Denise Hodson announced that she would call everyone to remind them of their time to work the fair booth.

Lee Howard adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Next full council meeting will be Thursday, September 3, 7:30 p.m. because of Labor Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pace, Secretary