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, March 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present:
Leisa Blanchard
Lynn Calton
Ted Frieden
Lee Howard
Eric Lawrence
Roger Mayfield
Marshall Miller
Bradley Morgan
Kathy Pace
Ed Patterson
Dale Robertson
Belinda Shoff
Dennis Wilson
Charlie Winslow
Clark Wood

Council members absent:
Clifford Blanchard
Lendi Davis
Sherry Keith
Chad McCulloch

Council members excused:
Marshall Miller
Jesse Medlin

Youth representative present:
Tony Morgan

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

Staff Reports
Kathy Macomber reported she had several Healthy Nevada meetings, she participates in a monthly Community Development conference call, and attended Legislative Day. She is working with Pam Duitsman and others on developing a Food Security Council.

Jill Scheidt reported that the Crop Scouting program will be starting next week; weather has prohibited starting this week. She also reported that the deadline date for the Farm Bill was been extended until the end of March and she will be participating in the Spring Forage Conference in Springfield on March 3.

Elaine Davis reported that the Teen Leaders “Media Smart” program at AOK is going very well and the kids that are attending are enjoying it. She also reported that there have been several speakers at Lamar High School for the Youth EXCEL class and the class attended Legislative Day. Elaine also encouraged the council members to go see the 4-H movie, “Marshall the Miracle Day”; the movie is about bullying and she is working to have it shown in the Lamar and Liberal schools.
Tony Morgan reported on his activities with 4-H and FFA; he is in the process of rebuilding an old tractor for his FFA project. The tractor belonged to his grandfather.

Theresa Dalby reported she is teaching at Liberal Elementary, Golden City Elementary, Golden City Head Start and Immanuel Lutheran School in Lockwood. While attending training in Springfield she learned that the “Eating from the Garden” curriculum will soon be available to for adults and she is already visiting with the Senior Citizens Center about presenting the new curriculum.

Denise Hodson reported that there had been 30 soil tests submitted for testing. She was busy this month with preparing letters for the Annual Meeting, updating the county webpages and had spent time embedding videos and “cleaning up” the webpages. There has already been an inquiry about the Century Farm program.

**Election of Officers**

Sondra Smith, representing the Nomination Committee presented the following nominees for officers:

- Lee Howard – Chair
- Charlie Winslow – Vice Chair
- Jesse Medlin – Treasurer
- Kathy Pace – Secretary

Leisa Blanchard made a motion to accept the nominations, Ed Patterson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Council Training**

Kathy Macomber reviewed the results from the 2014 Annual County Program Input Summary. Entrepreneurship was highlighted during the process and the summary provides the council with the strengths/positives in Barton County to support entrepreneurship and the barriers to entrepreneurship in Barton County.

**Review and Approval of Business**

Minutes for February 2, 2015 were reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Leisa Blanchard to accept the minutes and seconded by Marshall Miller. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Travel were members reviewed by council members, after a brief explanation by Denise Hodson. Motion was made by Charlie Winslow to accept the financial report and travel and seconded by Clark Wood. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**A. Annual Meeting review**

It was reported that 87 attended the Annual Meeting. Several council members commented on the nice job Jill Scheidt did filling in for the guest speaker. All thought the food, location, and the length of the meeting was appropriate and good. It was suggested that the community calendar be checked for conflicts before scheduling next year’s meeting; the meeting is required to be held before March 1.
New Business

A. Meeting dates
A list of the 2015 meeting dates was handed out to the council members.

B. Office & Staff Information
A list of the Office & Staff information was handed out to the council members.

C. Permission form
A Permission form was handed out to the council members to complete. Denise Hodson provided instruction and explained the need for the form.

Lee Howard adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Next full council meeting will be Monday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Moser, Secretary