

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 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present:

Clifford Blanchard
Judy Gastel
Lee Howard
Eric Lawrence
Bradley Morgan
Kathy Pace
Ed Patterson
Dale Robertson
Sondra Smith
Barb Thrasher
Dennis Wilson

Staff present:

Kathy Macomber
Jill Scheidt
Elaine Davis
Theresa Dalby
Denise Hodson

Council members absent:

Paul Crabtree
Lynn Calton
Ted Frieden
Roger Mayfield
Marshall Miller

Council members excused:

Chad McCulloch
Belinda Shoff

Youth Representative absent:

Clayton Winslow

Staff absent:

Lindsey Stevenson

I. Staff Reports

Kathy Macomber reported she has been working with the Food Council to develop a mission statement and continues to meet with Healthy Nevada. Kathy attended the Community Development Society/International Association of Community Development conference businesses.

Jill Scheidt reported that the Crop Scouting program keeps her busy. Jill helped with the Hay Show at the Ozark Empire Fair and attended a NRCS Program input meeting. Jill announced that the office has received a hay thermometer through SW Region funds; farmers can use it by appointment.

Lee Howard encouraged council members to read Lindsey Stevenson's report; she is attending the Lawrence County Extension Council meeting.

Elaine Davis reported that she took 102 4-H entries to Ozark Empire Fair; several new families exhibited this year. Elaine announced that Barton County 4-H had been accepted to attend the 2017 Presidential Inauguration and everyone is busy planning fundraisers.

Theresa Dalby reported she is presenting “Getting Healthy through Gardening” at the Lamar Senior Center and they should be planting a fall garden in the next couple of weeks. She is also working with Barton County Health Department to provide the Wise Woman program.

Denise Hodson reported she continues her regular monthly activities of updating the county webpages, entering travel for staff and preparing the monthly financial records.

III. Council Training

Jill Scheidt provided an overview of the Crop Scouting program. The program runs from the first part of March until the first part of November and consists of weekly scouting local fields and reporting on her findings. She then confers with state specialist along with her own research to provide a 2-minute recorded phone message to those signed up for the program. Her weekly report is then sent to local newspapers and posted on the Barton County Extension webpage. Jill has also recorded several “how to” videos that are also on the county webpage and YouTube.

Kathy Macomber also announced that Bev Coberly is retiring in September.

IV. Review and Approval of Business

Minutes for July 7, 2016 were reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Dale Robertson to accept the minutes and seconded by Sondra Smith. Motion carried.

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

V. Old Business

A. Lamar Fair

The sign-up sheet to work the Extension booth was sent around. Lee Howard requested that the Food Council be allowed to have information to provide to public at the Extension booth. Council members agreed to allow this.

VI. New Business

A. Parking Lot

Kathy Macomber reported that she had received another bid on the parking lot. This bid was considerably less than the first one because it was mostly consisted of repairs. She will continue to seek more bids and report as they come in.

B. Janitor position

Kathy Macomber reported that after several interviews and evaluation that Theresa Dalby had been hired for the janitor position. Theresa will be paid as a contracted provided. Council members will see this changed reflected in the monthly and year-to-date budget reports.

VII. Announcements

Kathy Macomber announced that on Tuesday, August 16 there is a SW Region staff meeting that all of the staff will be attending and Barb McDaniel cannot work the entire day. Kathy asked if any of the council members would be willing to volunteer for the afternoon.

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next full council meeting will be Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pace, Secretary