

# ***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 Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

### **Council members present:**

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

### **Staff present:**

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

### **Council members absent:**

Paul Crabtree  
Lynn Calton  
Ted Frieden  
Roger Mayfield  
Belinda Shoff

### **Council members excused:**

Chad McCulloch  
Charlie Winslow

### **Youth Representative excused:**

Clayton Winslow

### **Guest Speaker:**

Phyllis Behrens

## **I. Staff Reports**

Kathy Macomber reported she continues to work with the Food Council and has been involved in strategic planning in Cedar County. Kathy participated in a Cultural Heritage and Arts Tourism meeting to develop marketing a tourism plan.

Jill Scheidt reported that the Crop Scouting is focusing on soybeans. The office has a new probe to test temperature in hay, farmers will have to schedule a time to use it. She participated in a USDA meeting about an emerging corn disease that has been seen in Tennessee but is not in Missouri yet. A Grazing School is schedule to start the end of September.

Lindsey Stevenson reported she has been busy with food preservation classes in Webb City. She attend the MO State Fair and helped with demonstration in the new food truck that is traveling around the state. Lindsey will be attending the Ag Ed Day at the Southwest Center and talking about preparing jerky.

Elaine Davis reported that the plane tickets for the 2017 Presidential Inauguration trip have been purchased and the youth are doing several activities and events to raise funds for the trip. She participated in the Back to School Tools for School fair and is preparing for the Missouri Community Betterment judging visit.

Theresa Dalby reported she is presenting “Wise Women” program at the Barton County Health Department and OACAC. She helped with the food insecurity surveys when the mobile food pantry visited Lamar. Theresa will be helping with the “Food Power” display at Liberal schools.

Denise Hodson reported she continues her regular monthly activities of updating the county webpages, entering travel for staff and preparing the monthly financial records. She had set up and remove the Extension trailer from the square for the Lamar Fair.

### **III. Guest Speaker**

Phylliss Behrens, PTAC specialist with SBTDC at Missouri Southern University, spoke the council about how she helps local business with government contracts and provides technical assistance. PTAC is a partnership with MU Extension, Business Development in Missouri and networks with all the universities in Missouri.

### **IV. Review and Approval of Business**

Minutes for August 1, 2016 were reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Dale Robertson to accept the minutes and seconded by Clifford Blanchard. 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 Sondra Smith. Motion carried.

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. Lamar Fair review**

It was discussed about the need to engage people; a “looping” video was suggested and that maybe “give-aways” should be less.

The trailer is in need of repairs (electricity, door cable and tires). Jay Chism, SW Regional Director, has given the office staff the permission to have the repairs done and the regional office would over the expens.

#### **B. Parking lot update**

No more bids have been received, so everything is on hold for now.

### **VI. New Business**

#### **A. LBT Savings Account**

The signature card at LBT for the savings account needs to be updated. Ed Patterson made a motion to drop Jesse Medlin, Joyce Moser and to leave Lee Howard on the signature card. Marshall Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ed Patterson made a motion to add Barb Thrasher, Kathy Pace and Denise Hodson to the signature card. Eric Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. MU/Master Gardeners MOU agreement**

Clifford Blanchard made a motion to approve the MU/Master Gardeners MOU agreement. Sondra Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. Strategies for recruiting council member candidates**

Kathy Macomber presented several ideas for the council members to consider as they began recruiting nominees for the 2017 council elections. She also reviewed the results from the survey the council member completed at the last meeting.

**VII. Announcements**

Lee Howard reminder everyone to review the Upcoming Events for each staff and to attend some the scheduled programs.

**VIII. Executive Session**

Sondra Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose to deal with secretary pension/insurance. Dale Robertson seconded the motion. The meeting moved into Executive Session.

Ed Patterson made a motion to continue the secretary retirement benefit for 2017 as it has been for 2016; continue to use Nationwide as the provider and to put the remainder of the allotment for 2017 in a separate bank account. Eric Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ed Patterson made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Marshall Miller seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

**IX. Adjourn**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next full council meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pace, Secretary