

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, March 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present:

Clifford Blanchard
Gerry Garrett
Lee Howard
Bradley Morgan
Kathy Pace
Ed Patterson
Ben Reed
Amanda Robertson
Caleb Robertson
Belinda Shoff
Sondra Smith
Barb Thrasher

Staff present:

Kathy Macomber
Jill Scheidt
Lindsey Stevenson
Elaine Davis
Denise Hodson

Council members absent:

Paul Crabtree
Lynn Calton
Jason Frieden
Russell Massa
Roger Mayfield
Marshall Miller

Council members excused:

Judy Gastel
Chad McCulloch

Youth Representative absent:

Clayton Winslow

II. Staff Reports

Kathy Macomber reported she has been working with "Strengthen Economies Together" in Dade, Cedar and Barton counties. She is attend an eXtension Design a Thon, which is part of a four-state collaboration to develop curriculum.

Jill Scheidt reported she has been busy with Pesticide Applicator Trainings in Jasper, Dade, Barton and Newton counties. The "Your Farm Your Business Your Future" classes held in Dade County were attended and provided needed information to local farmers; nearly half were from Barton county.

Lindsey Stevenson reported the meal prep class held in Carl Junction was successful and she hopes to hold one in Barton County. The grant for working with the foreign born in McDonald County has come to an end and she is busy with reporting.

Elaine Davis reported she has provided member/leader training were she presented two workshops on demonstrations. EXCEL classes at Lamar Career and Tech Center are going well. Elaine announced

that Barton County 4-H Teen Leaders received a \$750 grant from Community Foundation of the Ozarks to help with the renovation of the veterans display at Memorial Hall.

Lee Howard encouraged the council members to review Theresa Dalby's report as she was absent.

Denise Hodson reported that Quick Books have been closed for 2016, the 2017 Budget has been sent to the Regional office and campus. The county webpage has been updated weekly and things are ready for the weekly crop scouting reports. She was out of the office for 8 days.

III. Council Training

Kathy Macomber provided an overview of University of Missouri Extension. Kathy explained the structure of MU Extension and how MU Extension's mandate is to provide researched based information to the local citizens in each county. The local county extension council provides leadership in helping MU Extension meet the needs of the citizens.

IV. Election of Officers

Ed Patterson made a motion to accept the following slate of officers for 2017.

Chair	Lee Howard
Vice-Chair	Sondra Smith
Secretary	Kathy Pace
Treasurer	Barb Thrasher

Clifford Blanchard seconded motion. Motion carried.

V. Review and Approval of Business

Minutes for February 6, 2017 were reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Ed Patterson to accept the minutes with correction and seconded by Belinda Shoff. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Travel were reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Sondra Smith to accept the financial report and travel and seconded by Clifford Blanchard. Motion carried.

VI. New Business

A. 2017 State Fair Farm Family

The Chad McCulloch family was the alternate State Fair Farm Family for 2016 and will be the Barton County representative for 2017. Gerry Garrett made a motion to nominate the Will James family to be the alternate family for this year, Sondra Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chad McCulloch will be contacted to make sure their family is interested in attending this year.

B. 2017 Meeting Dates

A list of the 2017 Council meeting dates was given to each council member.

C. Staff Information

A list of the local Barton County Extension staff and their contact information was given to each council member.

D. Permission Form

A Permission Information Form was passed out to each council member to complete.

VII. Announcements

Next council meeting is Monday, April 3 at 7:30 pm.

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjourn

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pace, Secretary