

Boone County Extension Council Minutes

March 28, 2019

Chair John Sam Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Darryl Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions were made around the room for the benefit of new members

Minutes of the January 24, 2019, meeting were distributed. Andrew Stanton moved to approve the minutes and Odie Swanegan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Minutes from the February 28, 2019, annual meeting were distributed. Steve Callis moved to approve the minutes and Andrew Stanton seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Treasurer's report was distributed by Tish Johnson as Council treasurer Tommy Sallee was unable to attend. Tish went through each report and no objections and the report was accepted.

Revised MOU for 4-H YPA. Tish explained the every county council is required to pay 50% of the YPA salary. Our current/past arrangement is that the Extension Council contributes 25% and the 4-H Sr. Council contributes 25%. Sr. Council has voted to stop providing the 25% support. This meeting will serve as 30 day notice to end the MOU. The Sr. Council may be in position to provide something, we will need to discuss with them. Their next meeting is April 23, 2019 at 6:30 PM, John Sam Williamson & Darryl Smith will attend.

CES Authorization: Tish explained that she would like the Council to authorize her to have access to the banking information, but not check signing rights. We also need new officers to go to the bank to be added to the account. Chris Dunn moved that Tish Johnson be authorized as a representative with bank on our account, Darryl Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed. Landmark Bank on Stadium

Sr. 4-H Council Report: Sr. Council has moved to a standing agenda with each club taking a turn leading the meeting and attending the extension council meetings. For several years the Sr. Council has been pulling funds from savings to fund a portion of the YPA salary. In order to balance the budget this year the YPA salary was not included. BBQ was successful! The next BBQ will be April 18, 2020 at Hallsville Fairgrounds.

Program Reports: Written reports were distributed from Kent Shannon, John Shackelford and Janet Love, Tish Johnson, Sandra Zapata, Liz Harrison, and Kellie Rich. Verbal updates were provided by:

- Kent Shannon for Ag Engineering
- John Shackelford for 4-H
- Tish Johnson for community development/CES

Committee sign-up was passed around.

Regional Council representatives will be John Sam and : Macon, May 9th, 8 & 11

Old Business:

- Mid-Mo Expo: schedule set, call for volunteers, advertising, calendar announcements.

- The 4-H Summer YPA position is posted, 2 months @\$10.00 hour, financed by a gift

New Business:

Tish shared a draft proposal with the council for adding a new position to the office, she has been working on it with Billy Polansky. MU Extension administration have indicated they would pay half the cost of a new position; grant funds are being sought for the other half (\$50,000 for a two-year pilot). The position's working title is "urban ag business educator," he/she would work with food-based businesses from start-up to scaling up. This was the largest unmet need identified in Tish's discussions with the Ag Park representatives. The intention is that the individual would spend part of their time doing programs and holding "office hours" at the Ag Park and Jefferson Farm. The position will not be posted unless funding is secured. Hattie Francis moved to accept the proposal, to carry forward with creating the position and pursue grant funding to support it. Donna Hepburn & Andrew Stanton seconded.

Meeting adjourned for committees to meet. It was noted that the Mid-MO Expo committee will continue to meet the hour prior to Council meetings, so other committees need to find other times to meet.

Respectfully Submitted

Hattie Francis, Acting Secretary

With scribing assistance from Faith Tallman and Tish Johnson