Call to order – Anita Hampton called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Edit agenda – Allen Garner wanted to add “Term Limitations” under New Business.

Approved Agenda – Allen Garner asked to add “Term Limitations” to agenda. Vern Windsor moved to approve the agenda with the addition of term Limitations; seconded by Paul Klossner. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes: Vern Windsor moved to approve December 11, 2015 minutes; seconded by Paul Klossner. Motion carried.

Old Business

Legislative Day Update – Tracy Feller

Tracy reported that legislative day is still on hold. There seems to some negative stories and discussions going on, but extension needs to keep telling the good stories. She will keep us posted on what is going on. If legislative day moves forward, the Conference office will put together packets for that day.
Glen Coleman moved to have Tracy Feller develop a resolution to send forward with the Extension’s message that Legislative day needs to happen; seconded by Allen Garner. Motion carried.

*Statewide 4-H Update - Ina Linville –*

Increase of funds and dues in 4-H. Staffing – adding state and field faculty. Very excited about that. Shane Potter joined 4-H (Neb). Donna Garcia also joined. Handed out contact sheet for our information.

Break down of $20 dues – handout. Didn’t used to be any salary offset. Was decided to add $2 for insurance. Didn’t collect any regional $$. $8 was the old fee. Now $20 membership. Approx. 20,000-22,000 4-H members state-wide.

$3 – Handout for what is generated from the $3 of $20 4-H membership fee.

Handout of numbers of membership since 2014. Handouts for 2014 and 2015. Interesting that Suburbs increased by 22% from 2014 and Cities and Town were down by 21%. Classification might be part of the drop/increase and also maybe be due to what is offered in the programs. Also handed out “Program Goal”.

“New 3-5 years” – 4-H Youth entering the work force will have the knowledge, skills, attitude and health needed for the 21st century workforce.”

*Vice Chancellor & Director of Extension Search –*

Carl Allison reported that everyone voted positively to move forward with the search. No one had reservations about moving forward. February 12 will be the deadline for candidates submitting their paperwork. Carl felt it is the right opportunity for the “right person” to jump at this opportunity.

**New Business**

*Term Limitations (added to agenda)-Allen Garner –*

Urban region met and had good discussion about term limits at the county level. There was discussion about increasing the Statutory limit. Need to think about how the best way to look at it. There was discussion regarding recruiting, keeping talent, finding new talent and making sure we have enough outreach. Asked to send email thoughts so that maybe next month can have more discussion. Allen will put something together for next month.

*MU Campus Finance Report - Rhonda Gibler -*

Presentation on university budget. FY16 total revenue of about 2.2 Billion. Everyone owns a part of the 2.2M. Enterprise Operations - Revenues for hospital and physicians are highest on the list of all the entities. Athletics are getting close to being self-sufficient. Will be completely self-supporting in the next 4 years. Give students 20% discount for new athletics that come in. That is the only money the university puts towards Athletics (68M – budgeted for 2016). State Appropriations 220M Tuition – 362M Indirect cost – 35M Slide on Change in General Operating Funding Sources. 1990 – State support was up around 70%. 2016 is down to about 40%. Tuition has grown in the past 25 years (58% now when
it was 27% in 1990). Drivers on Funding from State – State tax revenues, historical patterns, performance funding model, strategic planning, other factors.

We need to talk more about the “Land Grant” piece of Extension. We need to remember that we touch lives and need to maintain our contacts and relationships that Extension reaches.

**Old Business (continued)**

**State Council Website - Tracy -**

Overview with presentation of website. Change of “Council Resources” on the right side. Added some informational statements under Council Resource Toolbox. “Piano keys” where you can hover and get more information with links. Went to HR to see what they needed and needed from others. Tracy will send out link so members can play with it. It is not live yet.

**Legislative Day – Tracy**

March 2 – Handout for Elected Officials toolbox. Government relations are working to provide us with what they think will help us the most. They are still working on it. Will plan on having site up and running.

**Administrative Updates**

**Tom H.** – Forward 2 docs to 4-H. Proposed an agreement. MOU with CO of Engineering. Rhonda talked about splits. Finished for enterprise project director roll that will (customer management role).

Candidates – 1 & 1A. Implemented equity increase tied to increase of beginning salary structure. 40,000-50,000 salary. Tried to focus on employees most directly affected. Know that it doesn’t completely solve the salary issues for people out in the field.

**Beverly Coberly** – Flooding in MO. Seen lots of email traffic. Staff and others trying to make sure communications are getting out there and correct. Extension is trying to be responsive. When the tough stuff hits Extension is right there where it needs to be.

Continue to look at better way to increase efficiency and effectiveness in finances. Alan and Dolores to sit on committee (talking about county finances). How do we do this the best way? Do our policies prevent us from doing our jobs? Also asking others from counties to help on the committee.

Program integration (3 county pilot). Take a strategical look and look at people living out there. Look at a single program. Find resources within Extension to help with this. Lots of team looking at food systems. Facilitate teams who are looking at food systems to look at a development process to make things better.

Hiring people on a transitional period to get them working on programs. (Transitional leadership)

Administrative - policies changing

Good discussions with some councils out in Missouri. Not a win-win yet but good discussions. Anything you can help us with to help local extensions, would be great.
Julie Middleton retiring in February.

**Tony DeLong** – Office operations working good. Moving forward on a lot of things to help move us forward and organized.


CLCD/CPD is coming up. When you’re planning meetings (regional and county), think about people you might want to come and speak (let Tony/Tracy know).

Rhonda’s presentation saved to laptop. Will send out a copy to everyone.

**Thank you to regional members!**

**Legislative update – Jim Snider** Message without impact. One thing to think about, St. Louis enrollment dropped and made significant impact on budget. Sharing out of the same pool – will be impacted.

Bill will be filed next week and will have email out to you in next couple of weeks.

**UMEA Report Sarah Denkler** – 202 in UMEA. 70 are brand new (first time). 30 will be meeting next week on campus. Legislative Day – moving forward.

**State 4-H Council Update** – No report

**Other Business**

**Discussion on State Council Expenses/Elimination of July meeting –**

Carl Allison moved to cancel the July State Council meeting; seconded by Paul Klossner. Motion carried. Members will let the rest of the group know about this at the February meeting.

Vern - Clay County health report – met with Gary and didn’t know really what was going on. No other county that does that. It’s out…. (ask Tony)

NW – Sallie – No report
NE – HC – Position not filled yet.
WC – Glenn – Nothing
EC – Dolores – No concerns
SW – Walt – Nothing to report
SE – ED – Positions haven’t been filled yet. Openness and conversations have improved and very positive. Doing well.
Urban – Paul – St. Charles county cancelled regular meeting. Doing interviews all month trying to fill 3 positions. Money is the issue.

Meeting adjourned – Walter Carr moved to adjourn meeting at 1:30 pm; seconded by Carl Allison. Motion carried.