

NW Regional Extension Council

Richard Barrett (Holt), Chair John Murphy (DeKalb), Vice Chair Jayla Smith (Davies), Secretary
State Council, Sandy Sands (at large), Jan Schwarz (Clinton), Alternate
Officers April to April/May meeting)

Meetings are held the third Thursday of February, May, August and November unless a special called meeting.

Thursday, February 17, 2011—7:00 p.m.

Northwest Regional Office, 706 S. Woodbine Rd., Suite A, St. Joseph MO 64507

(ITV from Princeton is NOT available for this meeting due to technical difficulties)

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**—Richard Barrett, Chair
2. **Introduction of Guests**
3. **Roll Call of Members**
4. **Additions or revisions to agenda**
5. **Minutes from previous meeting (December 2010)** (enclosed and posted on the web at http://extension.missouri.edu/nwregion/Agendas_Minutes/Agenda-Minutes.shtml)
6. **Program Focus**
 - a. MAESTRO Program—Joe Kendrick, Extension Associate. The name MAESTRO is the short version of “Missouri Agricultural Energy Saving Team - a Revolutionary Opportunity.
 - b. Agriculture Business Programming in the Region—Kevin Hansen, Ag. Business Specialist. The Ag Business team in the NW Region includes Randa Doty, Bob Kelly and Kevin Hansen.



Randa covers: Atchison, Nodaway, Worth, Gentry and Harrison Counties

Bob covers: Holt, Andrew, Buchanan, DeKalb and Clinton Counties

Kevin covers: Mercer, Grundy, Daviess, Caldwell and Livingston Counties

7. **University of Missouri Extension State Council**—Sandy Sands, NW Representatives
 - a. **News from your state council**
 - i. Jan Schwarz has resigned from the regional council and state council role (January, 2011)
 - ii. Budget update
 - iii. Exploration of funding models for counties
 - iv. 2011 Legislative Day -Feb. 24, 2011
 - v. June 24 and 25, 2011 Council to Campus
 - vi. State Council Bylaws, Regional Council guidance
 1. State Council generally meets 2nd Friday monthly, 9 a.m. to noon in Columbia and with other special events (Leg. Day and Council to Campus for example)
 2. Representative and Alternate attendance encouraged face to face
 - vii. Other

8. Old Business

- a. **State Council Representative and Alternate (tabled in August)—Jan Schwarz, Clinton County, has resigned from the council, regional and state council roles to focus on her education. *We need to identify someone who can attend the face-to-face meetings. February meeting is Feb. 23/24 with Legislative Day. Sandy has meeting details.***

9. New Business

- a. Other

10. Regional Director Update (handout with more information will be provided)

- a. Administrative Update
- b. Congratulations on county budgets—2 increases and 13 no change—net 1% increase for the region.
- c. Council Input into Performance Reviews—forms due 5/1/11.
- d. Cluster meetings proposed with new council chairs/officers March/April 2011
- e. Budgets—state and local
- f. Prioritizing Positions—position and program updates
 - i. Nutrition and Health Education Specialist—Kelli Wilmes began January 2011.
 - ii. Nutrition Program Associate position covering Nodaway, Worth and Gentry has been filled. Candidate will start in June.
 - iii. Housing and Environmental Design Specialist position in Grundy County vacant since Sept. 2009. Position was offered and declined. We continue to accept and review applications.
 - iv. On Feb. 1, Rick Smith began the 4-H LIFE Mentoring Program Educator (Extension Associate) position and now will be based out of the Buchanan County Office. In this position, he will be transiting the 4-H LIFE program to a volunteer led model at the Chillicothe Correctional Center, and is building relationships to be able to introduce the program to other correctional facilities. This position is grant funded for up to 14 months with National 4-H Council Mentoring Program funds. Don Miller, Human Development Specialist, will be Rick's supervisor for this expanded grant opportunity.
 - v. On Feb. 7, Elizabeth Richards begins in the 4-H LIFE Youth Program Associate (YPA) role at .60 FTE through September 30, 2011. She is working on a Department of Corrections contract titled MU Extension Family Reunification Project. Jessica Trussell, Human Development Specialist will be her supervisor as this program is implemented in the Vandalia and Chillicothe Correctional Centers.
- g. County Council Agenda Items
 - i. Annual meetings during February and March.
 - ii. 2010 Annual Reports were due Feb. 1, 2011.
 - iii. County Plan of Work process—heads up regarding process to be introduced.
 - iv. Council Training modules and videos available at:
<http://extension.missouri.edu/extcouncil/training/index.html>
 - v. Stakeholder relations—on-going!
- h. Programming Initiatives
- i. Other

11. Future Meeting Dates--quarterly 3rd Thursday of February, May, August and November

- a. Next Meeting—May 19, 2011—program, agenda items, 7:30 p.m.
 - i. Method—how many ITV locations?

12. Announcements

13. Adjourn