

NW Regional Extension Council Minutes September 2, 2015

- 1). Call to Order - Meeting called to order by John Murphy, Chair, at 7:00 p.m.
- 2). Introduction of Guests – None
- 3). Roll Call of Regional Council Members - Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and the County they represent.

Council Representatives:

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| Ernie Nold II, Andrew | Sarah Lowrey, Grundy |
| Jerry Cook, Caldwell | Nancy Wales, Holt |
| Belinda Flick, Carroll | Marsha Shew, Mercer |
| Ava Langner, Clinton | Beverly Schenkel, Nodaway |
| Bob Teegarden, Daviess | Jon Williams, Ray |
| Jayla Smith, Daviess | Cindi Sims, Saline |
| John Murphy, DeKalb | |

Regional Faculty and Staff:

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| Debbie Davis, Caldwell and Clinton | Meridith Berry, Grundy |
| Wayne Flanary, Holt | Shaun Murphy, Mercer |
| Taylor Bryant, Saline | Jerry Baker, Worth |
| Jill Knadler, Administrative Associate for Regional Director | |
| Karma Metzgar, Regional Director | |

Presenters & Guest:

Susan McNickle, YPA
Jena Eskew, YPA
Tony DeLong, County Council Coordinator
Sharon Murphy

- 4). Additions or revisions to agenda -- Jon Williams moved to approve the agenda. Jayla Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 5). Minutes from previous meeting (April 2015) - Belinda Flick moved to accept the minutes from the April 2015 meeting as distributed. Jon Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 6). President's Report - John thanked everyone for the support through cards and calls during his illness.

John recognized Karma Metzgar, regional director, for 35 years of service with MU Extension. Cake was served to those present to celebrate this milestone.

- 7). Program Focus – 4-H LIFE Program & Tech Wizards Program – Shaun Murphy, CPD, Jena Eskew, YPA and Susan McNickle, YPA introduced the Council members to each of their programs and the components of each. A Power Point presentation and handout was shared with the members. The 4-H LIFE and Tech Wizard program

is 100% grant funded and two of the sites are in the NW Region—Buchanan and Livingston Counties.

8). University of Missouri Extension State Council –

a) News from your state council

i) Budget – no report

ii) Council to Campus – the event was a success and attendance was strong.

iii) Other – Jayla Smith was selected for the Extension Exchange to South Africa scheduled for October 1st – 18th. The concepts of cooperative education will be shared.

The State Council members worked Mizzou Central at the Missouri State Fair to share information with fair goers about the programs offered by Extension.

Next week is the State Council retreat and will be held in St. Louis.

b) Update from County Council Coordinator – Tony DeLong

The State Council business plan is being developed. Each region is also encouraged and being asked to develop a business plan. Also, working on updating the Extension website. Tracy Feller, Director of Constituent Relations, is helping Councils get their resources out to the public.

9). Old Business – None

10). New Business – None

11) Regional Director Update –A new agronomist has been hired in Ray County. A new Community Arts Specialist has been hired in Lafayette County. Offers are out for Buchanan 4-H Youth Specialist and Lafayette Ag Business Specialist. Youth Program Associate positions are posted for Andrew and Holt counties. Karma asked that the Council members spread the word about positions that are vacant and available with Extension. Specialist positions require a Master’s degree and starting salaries are in the range of \$36,500 - \$46,500. Starting salary ranges are under review.

Tom Henderson has been appointed as interim vice provost and director of MU Extension.

12). County Council Agenda Items – None

13). Announcements – The next meeting is January 6, 2016.

Adjourn – Jon Williams moved the meeting be adjourned. Belinda Flick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes by Beverly Schenkel, Secretary