

Pennington County Extension Advisory Board Meeting

June 29, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Patty Brunner. Present at meeting: Lyndell Peterson, Theresa Derr, Matt Odden, Patty Bunner, Jane Amiotte, Matt Olson, Tiffany Meyer, Donna Bittiker, and Peter Nielson.

Agenda: Motion to Approval previous meeting minutes was motioned by Matt Odden, second by Tiffany Meyer-motion carried.

Monthly Budget update: The budget was reviewed and Tiffany moved and Matt seconded. Motion passed. Tiffany asked if they had purchased the new laptop. Matt Olson stated they will be looking at which computers needed to be updated per the county.

Old Business:

Budget Hearing: It went well. One question was asked if it was normal for extension buildings to be on the fairgrounds. We stated that it was common in many places here in South Dakota and even across the nation. The building is taken care of by the county and borders the fairgrounds. Central States Fair is a separate department from the 4-H.

Support Staff: Amy had left her position with Pennington County Extension. Holli Hennies, Commission Office & Nick Stroot, Pennington County Human Resources, want to keep the interviews small. They asked for Matt Olson and one Extension Board member to be present. Patty Brunner stated she can be on the committee and if something came up, Matt Odden would take her place. Matt was to get the top contenders to her to help pick who they will be interviewing.

Lyndell Peterson recommended for Matt Olson to sit down with Nick to determine a scenario for all of the applications. It had worked really well with the Planning and Zoning interviews to be able to compare them on a like situation.

Matt Olson stated if anybody had questions they think would be fitting to ask the interviewees to please have them to him by July 3. Matt Olson will work with Nick on those and on the personality profile the county can have applicants do. Peter Nielson highly recommends that to be done if given the opportunity to. County staff will be background checked at the State 4-H Office too.

New Business:

Matt Olson introduced himself to the board. Gave a run down on what he had been doing in his short time of being in the office until the meeting. He is excited to be there. Patty Brunner thanked him for being visible and was glad to have him here.

Program Report: Jane gave report on what she had been doing in the county since the last meeting. Lots of great things! She had shadowed Kaycee Jones at her Ag Safety Day in May. She started an Outdoor Adventure Club through the county libraries, Hill City, Keystone & Wall, for the months of June & July. She is also helping with co-leading the community garden by the 4-H building.

Other: Peter Nielson, SDSU 4-H Program Director and Donna Bittiker, SDSU Extension were guests at our meeting to state they are out here to show face and to help Matt Olson make a successful transition into Pennington County.

Patty asked what were the Civil Rights forms that were being handed out at their horse safety training? Donna stated that they were to help with demographics and were not mandatory to be filled out, just helpful to the advisor if they were.

Matt Odden asked what were Blackboards. Peter stated they were an online training webinar that is used as a tool for statewide meetings with Extension staff and for training on areas of 4-H in South Dakota.

Lyndell stated that communication is key with Central States Fair. Before Tiffany started there wasn't a very good relationship between this office and the fair grounds. There has always been a history between extension and the fairgrounds but it has started to turn back towards the better.

Peter stated they had met with Holli and wanted to make sure they can do it right with the relationship between Pennington and the State. Peter stated it was over due to visit and to get out and meet everybody. Donna stated communication has been a huge aspect and they are looking at how to focus forward.

Next meeting is November 2 at 5:30pm at the Walter Taylor Building.

Meeting adjourned