

Minutes of the Pennington County

Extension Advisory Board Meeting

January 25, 2021

The Pennington County Extension Advisory Board met on Monday, January 25, 2021 via the Zoom app. Matthew Odden called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with the following Board Members present: Commissioner Lloyd LaCroix, Commissioner Travis Lasseater, Mark DiSanto, Matthew Odden, Patty Brunner, Dallas Vos, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisors Regina Bakley and Jane Amiotte, and Staff Assistant Kimberly Suckow were in attendance.

Note that while SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisors Regina Bakley and Jane Amiotte and Staff Assistant Kimberly Suckow attended, they are not appointed to the Extension Advisory Board and did not vote on matters presented to the Extension Advisory Board.

The Pledge of Alliance and 4-H Pledge were recited.

Review and Approval of Agenda

After removing the EAB Training from the agenda it was MOVED by Mark DiSanto & seconded by Patty Brunner to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0

The December 2020 meeting did not have a quorum therefore there are no minutes to approve.

Annual Election of Officers

President: Matthew Odden was nominated by Mark DiSanto and seconded by Dallas Vos. Motion passed: 6-0

Vice President: Patty Brunner was nominated by Dallas Vos and seconded by Lloyd LaCroix. Motion passed: 6-0

Secretary: Dallas Vos was nominated by Mark DiSanto and seconded by Lloyd LaCroix. Motion passed: 6-0

Review of Vouchers

Vouchers continue to be reviewed by Matthew Odden.

2021 Budget Reviewed

Kimberly Suckow reviewed the spreadsheets showing the 2021 budget.

Old Business

Stoves in kitchen – The stoves have been installed.

Promotion & Expansion Committee Update – Regina Bakley reported that the first meeting has been held. One 4-H adult and one non 4-H youth are still needed for the committee.

COVID-19 structure update – Regina Bakely reported that SDSU color grid is currently at Orange. The current maximum limit is 60 people in the 4-H building. Social distancing practices are followed. Meetings are held by Zoom when possible.

New Business

Jane Amiotte's Report – Jane discussed that due to COVID-19 restrictions she has not been able to do as many in person workshops as normal. She discussed the increase of mental health issues in the area youth. She is teaching an 8-hour class on how to recognize the signs of mental distress. The class is offered at no cost, as a grant was received. The class is offered to those such as 1st responders, school counselors and those in contact with the youth and is usually held on a Saturday. Jane stated that her science teaching in the schools is a great addition to the classroom teaching. Jane is involved in a virtual job fair, they are recording 15-20 minute interviews.

Regina Bakely's Report – Regina reported that she attended the Extension Fall Conference virtually and did travel to Mitchell, SD for the Capstone meeting. The Pennington County 4-H office decorated a Christmas tree at the old Governor's mansion building. Regina attended the November 6th, 2020 Jr. Leaders meeting. There are over 200 4-H youth signed up for Archery in Pennington county and 46 in the Gun shooting sports. Youth Day during BHSS is being held on January 30th, 2021 with over 280 youth signed up for the various contests.

MOU – SDSU Extension pays for 1 ½ advisor staff positions in the office. Pennington County pays for the other ½ advisor staff position. MOVED by Mark DiSanto and seconded by Lloyd LaCroix to approve the MOU. Motion passed: 6-0

Office Staff Evaluations – Matthew Odden had compiled the staff evaluations he had received from the board members and sent them to Holli Hennies.

CPR training – Both Jane Amiotte and Regina Bakely are CPR certified trainers. To maintain their certifications, they need to teach two classes per year. They are not able to teach under SDSU. Lloyd LaCroix will check with the county Emergency Management office to see if something can be coordinated.

Meeting Dates – The dates for the 2021 year are set for the third Monday of March, May, July and October at 5:30 pm. MOVED by Mark DiSanto and seconded by Lloyd LaCroix to accept these dates. Motion passed: 6-0

Adjourn – MOVED by Mark DiSanto and seconded by Patty Brunner to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed: 6-0

The next meeting of the Extension Advisory Board is set for March 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dallas Vos.