

Minutes of the Pennington County

Extension Advisory Board Meeting

March 15, 2021

The Pennington County Extension Advisory Board met on Monday, March 15, 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, Mark DiSanto, Matthew Odden, Patty Brunner, Dallas Vos, Heather Chambliss, 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

MOVED by Mark DiSanto & seconded by Patty Brunner to approve the agenda. Motion passed 6-0

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Mark DiSanto & seconded by Lloyd LaCroix to approve the minutes with the corrections of Regina Bakley name spelling in the January 25, 2021 minutes. Motion passed 6-0

Review of Vouchers

Vouchers continue to be reviewed by Matthew Odden.
The voucher expenses have mostly utilities and program supplies

2021 Budget Reviewed

Kimberly Suckow stated that January and February 2021 columns in black type is turned into the county and are complete. Green items in March have been submitted. The blue type figures are estimated numbers. Large number in March is the ½ of the staff position, MOU came in lower than budgeted.

Old Business

COVID-19 structure update – Regina Bakley recently heard from SDSU that their color grid has moved from Orange down to Yellow. Not sure how that impacts functions. Jane stated that in discussion with Dr. Tanner that transportation is not going to change from Orange to Yellow. Regina stated that they are planning the 2021 State Fair in Yellow hoping that will actually be in Green.

CPR Trainer Certificates – Jane's CPR Trainer certification has expired. Regina is still certified. Regina stated that do have to teach two courses a year to keep certification. Jane did not teach two and did not stay certified. Regina has certification until 2022 and will need to teach two classes prior to 2022. Lloyd mentioned that possibly a good place to teach a class would be a volunteer fire department. Regina will need an organization to teach under or partner with. Regina would like to teach the 4-H volunteers. There was

discussion if insurance is needed. Lloyd suggested that Regina visit with Dustin directly, after Lloyd does an email first contact.

New Business

Office Cell Phone – Regina brought up discussion of an office cell phone. She has reached out to Holli at the county office, asking how this could be done. Sometimes there is a gap in communication with the 4-H families, especially short notice, instead of an email being sent out it would be nice to be able to send out a text message concerning events or cancellations of such. Some families do not get emails right away. This would be a quicker way to reach families. There are businesses that send appointment reminders not coming from a cell phone or the school sends out notices. County and city alert similar situation. There will be further discussion on this at the next meeting.

Jane Amiotte's Report – Jane is able to be back at the library. With limited numbers and with masks. In a future meeting they will go over plants and planting. She has done a few interviews STEM and hospitality videos sent to state to load into a database, career plan middle school and high school to use to discover what careers are available, with emphasis on South Dakota keeping youth in South Dakota. Tips and strategies that students can use. West River Network Lunch and Consumer Skill-a-Thon planning meeting. How schools help with military student foundations professional development training. Summer planning, 4-H youth camp scheduled, and Teen Camp Rimrock Camp, summer workshop series, family foresters that could provide transportation, Jane will be a presenter, State 4-H SDSU mental health schedule to do virtual classes with SDSU students, Youth grant pays however, need to purchase a unit per student, then get reimbursed through the grant. \$328 or \$398 registrations not done yet, SDSU says there might be a voucher technically going to SDSU extension Matt mentioned could the County leaders pay this fee then get reimbursed; however, the Leaders Association does not have a debit card, only has checks. Mental Health First Aid organization

Regina Bakley's Report – Regina since last meeting BHSS youth day, had a good turnout. Pennington Co. was 1st in Beginner team Livestock Judging. They did the BHSS 50/50 fundraiser. She has been involved in the livestock meetings for state fair, trying to make some changes. Also, milk kid 101. Working with the Ellsworth Air Force base to get a club started there. Other things Regina has been working on are state listening sessions, where they are voicing opinions. PME decided to go to outside organizations instead of schools as there is a charge to get flyers in schools. She has submitted an article feel good Friday, is working on getting teams put together, jr leaders meeting, escape room, hosting a family fun night, probably at the end of May. The workshops working on are mask workshops, scrapbook workshops, and is going to Pierre Wed, 7 weeks training. The Leaders Association will offer three scholarships, \$750, \$500 and \$250 scholarships. Learning outcome team presented to rotary meeting, 7 am nice to share about Pennington county 4-H to this group. Also, on the 1st Wed of the month is doing a three-part course, tools for today and tomorrow. Has applied for another gardening grant. And in archery they completed match one and match two.

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

The next meeting of the Extension Advisory Board is set for May 17, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dallas Vos.