

Minutes of the Pennington County Extension Advisory Board Meeting January 24, 2022

The Pennington County Extension Advisory Board met on Monday, January 24, 2022 in person at the Walter Taylor Building. Matthew Odden called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM with the following board members present: Commissioner Lloyd LaCroix, Mark DiSanto, Matthew Odden, Patty Brunner (Zoom), John James, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Regina Bakley, and Jane Amiotte (via Zoom).

Note that while advisors attended, they did not vote on matters presented to the Extension Advisory Board

The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge were recited.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Moved by LaCroix and seconded by James. Motion passed

Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2021

Moved by DiSanto and seconded by LaCroix. Motion passed

Review of Vouchers

Most recent vouchers were available for review by all board members in attendance. They were reviewed and signed by Matthew Odden prior to payment of each voucher submission.

2021 Budget Update

The 2021 budget had \$4,671.36 left after the purchase of wish list items. While not used completely, it was noted that the future plans include starting the end up year spending earlier in November to avoid maxing the credit card and having funds left at the end of the year.

Old Business

End of Year Wish List- Was able to purchase the items that were determined to be of top importance and received them in time for the end of the budget year.

New Year – Returning Committee members- All board members from 2021 reapplied and were appointed at the January 4, 2022 Pennington County Commissioners meeting. John James has also joined the board for the 2022 4-H year.

Central States Fair – Funds from 4-H Fundraisers – Bakley stated she will talk to Ron at Central States Fair directly after the stock show to determine where the funds raised by 4-Hers during 50/50 sales are being used.

New Business

- Review of Purpose/Intro of members – Odden discussed the purpose of the board and their main tasks. Each individual that was present introduced themselves, their tie to the 4-H program, and their reason for serving on the board.
- Election of officers
 - Odden was nominated to continue to serve as Chair by DiSanto and seconded by LaCroix.
 - Nominations for Chair were ceased by LaCroix and seconded by DiSanto
 - It was moved that Matt Odden would remain the chair for 2022: Motion passed unanimously.
 - Brunner was nominated to continue to serve as Vice Chair by DiSanto and seconded by LaCroix

- Nominations for Vice-Chair were ceased by DiSanto and seconded by James
 - It was moved that Patty Brunner would remain the Vice Chair for 2022: Motion passed unanimously.
 - DiSanto was nominated to serve as the Secretary by Odden and seconded by LaCroix
 - Nominations for Secretary were ceased by LaCroix and seconded by James
 - It was moved that Mark DiSanto will serve as the Secretary for 2022: Motion Passed unanimously.
- Jane’s Report
 - See Attached
 - There was discussion about DiSanto and Amiotte attending a Youth City Council Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of February at 5:30pm to possibly talk about “Leave no Trace” – LaCroix, DiSanto and Amiotte will work through the details and inform the group at the next board meeting.
- Regina’s Report
 - See Attached
- Central States Fair Building Up Keep – Monies approved by the City Council – Bakley informed the group of a close to \$1mil dollar grant that the Central States Fair received for upkeep on some of the buildings on the fairgrounds. The Soule building was slated to be one that will receive repairs, which would be a benefit to the Pennington County 4-H Leaders for the Western Junior Food Booth.

Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by DiSanto at 6:36pm and seconded by James.

Next Meeting:

March 21st 2022 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted

Regina Bakley

Extension Advisory Board Report

Jane Amiotte 20220124

Since my last report on November 1st, 2021:

November

I am continuing my monthly Extension Workforce Outcome meetings in which we developed a course for high school youth they can explore different careers which will (hopefully) encourage them to stay here in South Dakota after graduation. It is titled *Conversations: Exploring My the 605*. It is an online course about various career fields that includes videos of interviews with employers/employees across the state. Videos connect to one or more of the 16 career clusters identified within the SD Department of Education content standards for Career & Technical Education.



SDSU Team developed in which careers encourage Dakota *Career Future in* about includes various

Also met with Bobbi Jo Donovan, Central High School Academy Coordinator and South Dakota Association of Career and Technical Education President about offering this to her students in the Rapid City Area Schools.



During November I continued my programming “Storytime and Crafts with Jane” at the **Rapid City Public Library** held on Tuesday mornings.



I continued school outreach

programming where the students (650/month) were citizen scientists aerosols, clouds and the colors in the atmosphere, and recording their data and giving a presentation of their findings. Each student observed the color, visibility, and conditions of the sky during the class. During each observation, students completed a Daytime Sky Report, recording sky conditions and a drawing of what they observed. They compared their observations and discussed the differences between observed colors depending on time of day and sky conditions.

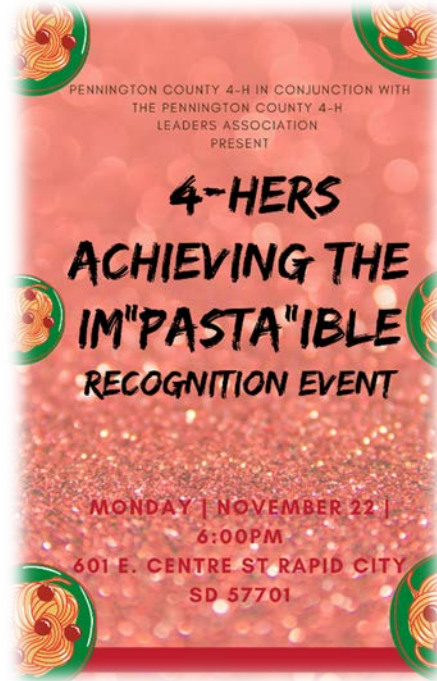
observing

I presented an online Leave No Trace class in collaboration with Katherine Jaeger's group of high school students on their year-long resource program OWLS (Outdoor Wilderness and Life Skills) where the purpose is to educate and engage teen participants in a variety of activities to prepare them to be good stewards of the land.

[South Dakota 4-H Launches Outdoor OWLS Program \(sdstate.edu\)](https://sdstate.edu)



We hosted the 4-H Recognition Event on November 22nd at our office.



DECEMBER

This month the students in the schools were and observing different types of soils aka Geosphere look like, feel like, and smell like) and taking those observations and recording them onto a data sheet. We discussed what types of plants grow in different soils and where these soils can be found. Then we soil with water and made observations on how the after 2 minutes, 10 minutes and 24 hours-which I shake. They learn that different soils stay suspended longer and the layers are then drawn onto a data students learned about the different types of soil critters that live beneath their feet.

By the end of the class, students described the components that make up soil, discovered the basics



learning (what they

We types of mixed local soils settle don't in water sheet. The and the

different of

decomposition, and understood why soil is important for plants and animals.

I took vacation the last two weeks of the year while the students were out of school.

JANUARY

Attended the MHFA Team meeting early in the month where we worked on getting the training out to students at SDSU and local classes offered. [Mental Health First Aid](#)



School Outreach Programming this month is on owls and dissecting owl pellets.

Dissecting an owl pellet is a great way to learn about the different ecological roles organisms play in their environment. It challenges students to think critically about these ecological roles and to make evidence-based predictions of their own. Through hands-on activities, project-based inquiry, and informative science articles, students build scientific and environmental literacy while having fun

With this activity students will...

- Discover what birds of prey eat

- Reconstruct a skeleton
- Analyze data and solve real-life mathematical problems
- Model the interconnectedness of species
- Learn how energy flows through an ecosystem
- Be challenged with reflection and extension activities in each lesson

Last week my household tested positive for COVID, so I took a week of sick leave the 17th -21st. I returned to the office today, but have no programming scheduled so just isolated myself in my office to catch up on emails and reports etc. I am 'zooming' into the meeting this evening.

Regina's Report
Extension Advisory Board Meeting
1.24.2022

November

Goat Meetings
Ag & natural Resources Committee
Memphis: NAE4-HYDP
Recognition Event "4-Hers Achieving the Im"pasta"ble
Christmas at the Mansion
PSE review - State Assignments
Vision 2025 Town Hall
Shooting Sports Planning Meetings

December

Wreath Laying at the Black Hills National Cemetery
SDAE4-HYDP Tools for Today & Tomorrow
All Staff Meetings
Wall held its annual Rodeo Meeting - Did not attend but a new set of officers was appointed
Attended Paulette's retirement party
Took time off for Christmas

January

Advisory Board Appointment Meeting
Leadership Outcome Team meeting
Record Book Committee Meetings
NAE4-HYPD Healthier You working Group Planning meetings
Black Hills Shooter Safety Day
January Leaders Association Meeting
Black Hills Archery Open House
BHSS Youth Day Prep
Livestock Committee Meetings
Bread Baking Workshop
Interview with the Rapid City Journal (Focus on BHSS Youth Day with some conversation on overall 4-H Program)

Other Notes

Don Hensley's passing (Attended that funeral)

Planning out the year - Hoping to offer monthly workshops unless other large events take place (e.g. State Shoot, Fair, etc.)

Working with Leaders to determine incentive areas (Wildlife & Fisheries, Workforce & Citizenship)

- This aligns with professional goals for the 2022 4-H year.

BHSS Youth Day- February 5th if you are interested in volunteering!