

Pennington County Extension Board Meeting
July 22, 2025 – 6:30 PM In Person

The Pennington County Extension Board met on July 22, 2025, at the Walter Taylor Building. Brunner called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM with the following board members present in Person Patty Brunner, Heather Chambliss, John James, Tyler Myers, Denise Mahers, Kim Suckow, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Adriana Burns Staff Assistant, and Gary Drewes Pennington County Commissioner. Matt Odden via Zoom.

Note that while 4-H Staff attended they are not appointed to the Extension Board and did not vote on matters presented to the Extension Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge were recited

Approval of Agenda

Chambliss Moved to approve the agenda. 2nd by Odden. Motion Passed

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by James and seconded by Brunner. Motion passed.

Introductions

Round table introductions as new member Denise Mahers has joined the committee

Review Vouchers

Vouchers viewed by the members present. Matt Odden reviewed and approved prior to the meeting, and they are available at the 4-H office if needed.

Budget Update

2025- On Track. Office Staff compiled a wish list in an event of excess funds to use. The list was reviewed. James moved to approve the purchase of the gridwall system as presented by the office staff to display the photography static entry's during the county fair. Chambliss 2nd. Motion passed. Office staff will purchase this as soon as possible to hopefully have available for use during the 2025 County Fair.

James moved to table the rest of the office wish list until our September meeting to see how the budget looks at that point. Chambliss 2nd. Motion Tabled.

2026- No changes to review as we are waiting on the County Commissioners approval or recommendation of changes.

Old Business

- Promotion in "Back to School Edition" of the Black Hills Family Magazine- Releases Late August
 - 2 Entries were received
 - The committee voted on the entry of "Get Rooted in 4-H" Feed your Roots here". This will be sent to the county design team for creation for digital display with the Pennington County 4-H Information for submission.

New Business

- Black Hills Kids Market- Approval to host again in November
 - Requested the used of the Walter Taylor Building on November 8th for a Kids creations craft show. This is open to both 4-H members and Non 4-H Members. This was well received and

attended in 2024. Chambliss moved to approve the use of the building at no charge to the vendor James 2nd. Motion Passed.

- Ag and Natural Resources
Next meeting 8/6/25 at the WREA Building starting at 11:30 am with lunch and the presentation to start at 11:45 am.
- MOU Discussion- Round table discussion on an option that is being presented by one of the county commissioners as to how the yearly operation of the County 4-H and the tasks associated/shared with SDSU are handled. This was more of an informational discussion as to what is being discussed/presented at this time.
- China Dishes from Kitchen- This set was purchased shortly after the Walter Taylor Building was built by an unknown source. They were used for many years for the Formal Dinner that was hosted by the Now Leaders Association. This set has been stored in the kitchen for many years and has not been used in the last 7 yrs at a minimum. The Leader's Association is needing the space the dishes are being stored in and has asked for a proper way of disbursements. A bit of history was researched on the dishes and the office would like to take 1 or 2 complete settings and create a plaque commemorating the history and used of the settings and find a new home for the remaining settings. Different rehoming options were discussed and will be investigated and reported at a future meeting.
- Kim's Report – Presented to board and a hardcopy was provided. Can be found attached.
- Jane's Report – Unavailable as Jane was unable to attend the meeting

Mission Moment

- Committee represents all aspects of the county and brings with them different experiences. Members should also be knowledgeable about youth in their community including problems, interests, ideas to solve issues, and available resources. This makes the committee an invaluable resource to program planning of the county 4-H program.
- Work to identify human resources in the community that can assist with varying components of the 4-H program (e.g., local chef to assist in coaching the Special Foods Contestants).
- Arrange special features in local media (i.e., newspapers, radio, and television) to promote 4-H throughout the year.
- Assist in identifying barriers of entry for youth into 4-H programs and find solutions.

Youth Voice

- No Youth present at meeting

Public Comment

- No public present at meeting. Denise Mahers did comment on the fact that 1st Lady Sandy Rhoden has offered her assistance to promote 4-H and youth involvement in a video presentation that we could use this fall. The committee agreed this was a great idea and Denise was going to reach back out to the 1st Lady.

Next Meeting:

- September 23, 2025
- November 4, 2025

Adjourn

Motioned by James to adjourn at 7:45 pm, seconded by Drewes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Heather Chambliss Pennington County Extension Board Member