



Coös County Extension Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – June 27th, 2019

Attendance: Mary Tichy, Kris von Dohrmann, Aidan Wiggin, Robert Théberge, Brendan Prusik, Larry Barker, Heidi Barker, Chris Whiting, Zeanny Egea, Bea Harden, Morgan Oakes, Edith Tucker, Jim Davis. **Absent:** Alexis Scott, Rick Samson, Debbie Joyce, Amie Weagle

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with introductions and mileage tracking sheet.

1. Summer Cookout celebration – A big thank you to Zeanny for the delicious meal!
2. April 8th Meeting minutes accepted
3. Agriculture Specialist Hiring Update –Amy Papineau
 - a. UNH Recruiter recommended not relaunching the search until the end of the summer/early fall
 - b. Ag team is working to still support the community
 - c. UNH putting the word out in similar areas as Coös.
 - i. After council discussion, it was voted to request to relaunch the search now
 - d. Discussion overview:
 - i. Need a higher number attending Advisory council meetings and events such as Ag Specialist interview
 - ii. Adjust teaching presentation; give them a focused topic
 1. Ex: These are the top 5 issues in Coös, pick one to present on
 - iii. Have some local farmers in attendance for the interview
 - iv. No updates to the job description at this time
4. Review Coös demographic data; Discuss nominations for new Advisory Council Members (3 open spots)
 - a. Demographic sheet handed out; who do we know that can represent these populations?
 - b. Email any nominations to Brendan with name and population represented
5. Community and Economic Development Program Review
 - a. Leadership development and community projects

- b. Trying to engage community members
 - c. Comprehensive Economic Development Study
 - d. Highlights of CED Annual Impact
 - e. CED position will not be filled in Coös. Jeff and others will help to cover.
6. Natural Resources Program Review
- a. Review of 4 programs and volunteer programs
 - b. Discussed: Forest Health, USDA Climate Hub, Dirt to Trees to Wildlife, Trail Finder
 - i. Edith – Would like to see an increase in town forest interaction
 - ii. Stratford Bio Blitz – CCD very involved
7. Next Meetings:
- a. September 9th, 2019 – Food & Ag Program Review
 - b. December 2nd, 2019 – Budget Conversation
8. Motion to adjourn and second at 8:26 pm.



Advisory Council	Robert Théberge	Berlin		
	Mary Tichy	Milan	Farm Owner	Treasurer
	Kris vonDohrmann	Jefferson	Otokahe Farm	
	Jim Davis	Columbia	American Way Farm	Council Chair
	Debbie Joyce	Stark	Teacher retired), landowner, 4-H Volunteer, Master Gardener	
	Amie Weagle	Northumberland	Groveton HS 4-H Member	
	Scott Losier	Berlin	Property Manager Berlin Board of Education	Vice Chair
	Bea Harding	Whitefield	Master Gardener, Community & 4-H Volunteer	
	Aidan Wiggin	Jefferson	UNH Med Student TRRE @ WMRHS	Secretary
Edith Tucker	Randolph	NH House Representatives	Delegation Representative	
Rick Samson	Stewartstown	Coös County Commissioner Farm Owner	Commissioner Representative	
UNH Extension	Brendan Prusik	Columbia	Forestry and Community	County Office Admin (COA)
	Larry Barker	Lancaster	4-H Youth Development	
	Heidi Barker	Lancaster	Nutrition and Healthy Living	
	OPEN	Lancaster	Dairy, Livestock & Forage Crops	
	Chris Whiting	Stratford	4-H Program Manager	
	Zeanny Egea	Lancaster	Nutrition Connections	

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