



**Coös County Extension Advisory Council**  
**MEETING Minutes (Corrected and Approved 2/2/21)**

**Monday, December 14, 2020 @ 6:00 pm**

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**OR**

646 876 9923 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 997 6905 5341

**Attendance:** Scott Losier, Mary Tichy, Aidan Wiggin, Brendan Prusik, Larry Barker, Heidi Barker, Zeanny Egea, Chris Whiting, Nick Rowley, Ray Bell, Robert Théberge, Lori Langlois, Andrew Paine, Debbie Joyce, Eamon Kelley. **Absent:** Kris von Dohrmann, Isabella Gaetjens-Oleson, Ben Gaetjens-Oleson.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Representative Eamon Kelley – Coös Delegation representative for this Advisory Council  
Robert Theberge – Coös Delegation Chair  
Lori Langlois NCES  
Corey Arsenault [Absent; tabled until next meeting]

2. Approval of June 22, 2020 notes and September 14 Minutes

3. Office reopening status and field work

- a. Closed to the public, open to staff pending COVID status and data
- b. Rob T: “Has the programming still been effective during COVID?” → YES! Extension staff has come up with many solutions and approaches to both online and one on one county programming.

4. Charlie French will join the meeting to facilitate the Community and Economic Development Program Review

- a. Review of some of the program overarching goals such as: Business & Entrepreneurship, Local and regional economic development, tourism/recreation/nature economy, main street vibrancy, and leadership & community capacity.
- b. Review of CED 2020 Impacts sheet; see link # 11a
- c. Discussion:

- i. Ray – Training and advancement of online platforms would be beneficial for businesses

- ii. Lori – Would be open to hosting entrepreneurial classes at NCES; Doesn't always take money to make money; Need to start building & developing youth entrepreneurial skills as well
  - iii. Charlie's contact info if there are additional questions:
    - 1. Charlie.french@unh.edu
- 5. Budget: presentation schedule 2021 (2021 Coos Budget linked #11a)
  - a. Mary Tichy represented the advisory council as Treasurer
  - b. Presented to commissioners, delegation, and public hearing; budget accepted
- 6. Coös Extension Educators' updates
  - a. See "Coos Highlights" link #11a for details
  - b. Food & Ag, Nick: Many zoom meets and some small group programming, Developing high tunnel series with local partners, cover crop programming; 2021→ Find farm to demo cover crops & host on farm workshops, pesticide safety education team working on online interactive media
  - c. 4-H, Chris: Photography scavenger hunt, hiking challenge, hydroponics & food systems grades 3-6
  - d. Youth & family, Larry: Barry Camp at home summer 2020, webpage 3,000 visitors/month, shooting sports project; Retiring March 5<sup>th</sup> – 34 years with extension! Internal Extension based search in progress
  - e. Youth & family, Zeanny: Aiding remote learning – Berlin elementary & MS; MS going through trial program from CA-individual healthy goals; Continued work with Headstart; mailing Senior's lessons; Crockpot program for Headstart parents; Work capabilities are highly influenced by low income school status-Some schools are feeding all kids right now due to COVID/families are not signing up for free & reduced lunch which has impacted program applicability
  - f. Youth & family, Heidi: Androscoggin Valley FTS – 15 partners routinely meeting even through COVID. Focus area: Food access. Hospital now involved via meal bags; Chris & 4-H working on FTS projects also.
  - g. Natural Resources, Brendan: Meeting landowners 1 on 1 in the field; Increase in people buying land at start of COVID, Big tree program, Coos County farm/timber sale after retirement
- 7. COA Transition
  - a. Brendan retiring June 24<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Heidi will take on COA duties
  - c. Nick will fill some of the natural resources duties
- 8. Radius: all should have hard copy. Tools to help spread the word of these stories within your personal networks are [here](#)
- 9. Calendar invitation glitches (See schedule on next page)

- a. Tried to send out 2021 dates, but many bounced back. See dates at bottom of minutes

10. Orientation for new members

- a. How did it go, for those who already attended
  - i. Drew, Aidan, and Ben attended. Informative for new members; networking opportunity.
- b. Schedule for newest members (Email Lauren Banker if interested Lauren.Banker@unh.edu):
  - Tuesday, 1/12 6-7pm
  - Wednesday, 2/3 6-7pm

11. Other Business

- a. Miscellaneous links attached here: <https://unh.box.com/s/mmpmoiwwszj7quj3qyt1rsvh2r31fwkz>
- b. Membership
  - i. Waiting on a few responses
    - 1. Corey Arsenault - Should be at next meeting
    - 2. Erik Becker – Currently does not have the time to commit

12. Motion to adjourn and second at 7:42pm.

**2021 Meetings (6:00 pm – all Mondays)**

- February 1, 2021 (Snow Date 2/08/20) - Youth & Family, Community Health
- April 5, 2021 - Youth & Family, 4-H
- June 21, 2021 (Cookout – Location TBD) - Natural Resources
- September 13, 2021 - Food and Agriculture
- December 6, 2021 – Community and Economic Development and Budget Conversation (Snow Date 12/13/21)