Coös County Extension Advisory Council
MEETING Minutes
Monday, September 13th, 2021 @ 6:00 pm
Extension Office, Lancaster

Attendance:

Aidan Howry, Heidi Barker, Chris Whiting, Lori Langlois, Amanda Royce, Scott Losier, Zeanny Egea, Commissioner Ray Gorman, Wayne Saunders, Ray Bell, Melanie Staley, Scott Stepanian, Carol Jean

Absent: Nick Rowley, Rep Eamon Kelley, Andrew Paine, Debbie Joyce

All meeting documents are found in box link: https://unh.box.com/s/p5dljqw3zd89wbvan3ay423m50j4yfph

1. Welcome/ Introductions     Scott
2. COVID protocol screening
3. Minutes from June 21st Council Meeting DRAFT & Approval     Aidan
   a. Approved & seconded
4. Council Membership:     Scott & Heidi
   a. Introductions & Nominations for Melanie Staley & Scott Stepanian     Zeanny & Commissioner Gorman
      i. New Member Trainings:
         1. Oct 12th 6-7pm
         2. Nov 2nd 6-7 pm
   b. Motion & second to accept new members completed
   c. Resignation of Rep. Théberge – Open position & 2 Youth positions
      i. Carol Jean volunteered to join; accepted by AC
      ii. Acceptance of resignation of Rep. Théberge – will be greatly missed! Very large contribution to the Cooperative Extension!
   d. Discussion of Inclusion and Demographics of Membership/Youth Membership
      i. Mike Curtis - ELO Opportunity; Aidan to talk to and connect Heidi
      ii. Zeanny suggestion - Younger member – stay with us longer, more valuable experience; Lori – Allow two kids to join together – less intimidating
      iii. 4H – Very busy kids; potentially a rotating schedule; make their time worth it
      iv. Nominations: John Acaridi (Paige Hill Rd Lancaster),

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5. Council Recognition & New Plan
   a. Gifts awarded to members with completed terms to catch up!

6. Program Highlights: New process for staff programming updates
   a. Newsletter will be sent out on September 8th with staff highlights
      i. Add in the opportunity for people to comment & have conversations
      ii. How do I get that if I was just browsing the internet? Can I google Coos program happenings?
      iii. Capability to partner with local newspapers?
      iv. UNHCE App – Section for newsletter/program updates, calendar of events, podcasts, local 4H groups, etc.
   b. Survey link asking for feedback – Will be sent out
   c. Also plan to use with budget process and partners

7. Ag & Food Program Review
   a. Shifted to Dec 6th Meeting

8. Other Business
   a. New Council leadership for next fall – Scott, Chair; Vice ?; Secretary/Treasurer, Aidan
      i. Ray Gorman nominated for Vice Chair; declined due to busy schedule
   b. Natural resources field specialist Search Committee
      i. 9/30 Deadline extension for applicants
      ii. Application review starting in October
      iii. Council role: Interview final applicants Dec or Jan; extra meeting may be needed
   c. Confirm AC 2021 – 2022 Meeting dates
      i. Feb 6th should be changed to Feb 7th
   d. County Budget Updates (Heidi)
      i. Commissioner Ray Gorman spoke to updates
      ii. Nov 6th – County Commissioner Meeting?
      iii. Dec 13th – Delegation Budget Meeting?
      iv. Dates to be confirmed

9. Meeting adjourned, motion and seconded at 7:50 pm

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**2021 – 2022 Meetings (6:00 pm – all Mondays)**

- December 6, 2021 – Community and Economic Development and Budget Conversation & Ag & Food Program Review (Snow Date 12/13/21) Currently on books
- February 7 – Healthy Living (Snow Date 2/14)
- April 4 – 4-H (Youth & Family Program Review)
- June 20 – Council Recognition & Picnic at BCC