



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:

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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),

5. Council Recognition & New Plan Heidi
 - a. Gifts awarded to members with completed terms to catch up!
6. Program Highlights: New process for staff programming updates Staff
 - 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 Nicholas & Amy
 - a. Shifted to Dec 6th Meeting
8. Other Business Scott
 - 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

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