

EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Room 2151

Members present: Randy Cook, Kirsten Huth, Jerry McRoberts, Gary Nelson, Jim Gores, Fran Langman and Audrey Kusilek. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, Justin Everson, Bronson Thalacker, Lori Baltrusis, Patrick Richter, Jeff French (8:41) and Kim Collins.

Cook called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and Collins confirmed proper posting of the meeting. No public comment.

Motion: (Langman/McRoberts) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (Nelson/Kusilek)** to approve the minutes of February 7, 2023 meeting; carried. No questions on edit lists and no announcements.

Item #5. Thalacker and Gruetzmacher discussed the Multi Discharge Variance (MDV) Program and requested an increase in the incentive payment offered to seed down headland areas for 5 years. It is currently \$400 per acre with an additional \$100 to seed the area; the requested increase is \$600 and \$150, respectively, for a total of \$750 per acre. After discussion, **motion: (Langman/McRoberts)** to approve the price increase as presented; carried.

Item #6. Staff Reports –

NRCS – Richter updated committee on program participation and organizational changes.

FSA – N/A – future reports to be provided by MacDonald.

UWEX – Baltrusis stated educators are preparing for summer program work and the Crops Educator position will be posted shortly.

Executive Committee – French stated the committee would be reviewing the retention of ROD fees, among other business.

Fair Board – N/A.

SWCD – Gruetzmacher provided an update on the West Central Summer Tour lineup and discussed State budget priorities re: conservation staff and FPP funding increases.

Cook asked how the County could provide support for the State budget funding priorities. After committee discussion, consensus is to draft a Resolution of Support for the County Board Chair to bring forward.

The next meeting was set for April 4, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., by unanimous consent.

Future agenda items: *Sara Waldron, 4-H Program*

Motion: (Gores) to adjourn; meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Russell-Collins

Administrative Secretary, Land Services

Minutes are not official until approved by the Extension/LCC Committee at the next meeting.