

EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 8:30 a.m.

Room 2151

Members present: Kirsten Huth, Jerry McRoberts, Jim Gores, Randy Cook, Fran Langman and Audrey Kusilek. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, Jeff French, Lori Baltrusis, Sara Waldron, Sarah MacDonald and Kim Collins.

Absent: Gary Nelson.

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

Item #5. French and Baltrusis discussed the support position for Extension, currently 32 hours per week, and whether there is a need to fill the position.

Item #6. Gruetzmacher discussed the void for soil sample shipping as Extension is discontinuing this service for local landowners. After committee discussion, committee consensus was SWCD will prepare a soil sampling packet for landowners/farmers to submit their own samples.

Item #7. SWRM Staffing Grant – Gruetzmacher and Cook presented information regarding the funding issues from DATCP. Gruetzmacher also mentioned that NRCS may have staff funding available; he will research this for a future meeting.

Item #8. Gruetzmacher provided a brief overview of the 2023 West Central Summer Tour to be hosted by BC SWCD and explained the registration process.

Item #9. Gruetzmacher gave a slide show of the Demo Farm activities.

Item #10. Gruetzmacher provided an overview of the Groundwater Study sampling thus far.

Item #11. Staff Reports –

NRCS – No NRCS report.

FSA – MacDonald provided an overview of FSA program activities.

SWCD – Gruetzmacher provided a slide show of conservation projects.

UWEX – Baltrusis discussed the Parenting Forever program and stated Becky Brathal will be our new Crops/Soils Educator.

Executive Committee – French stated the committee would be reviewing the Extension position noted above and transfer fee retention.

Fair Board – No report but stated they are constructing the new office.

After discussion, the next meeting is set for July 11, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Future agenda items: *NRCS Funding*

Motion: (Gores/McRoberts) to adjourn; meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:43 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.