

EXTENSION-LCC COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Room 2151

Members present: Gary Nelson, Jim Gores, Randy Cook, Fran Langman. Staff present: Tyler Gruetzmacher, Bronson Thalacker, Pat Brown, Jeff French, Lori Baltrusis, Dave Gifford, Kim Collins, Cody Knoop, USDA APHIS.

Absent: Kirsten Huth, Audrey Kusilek, Jamie McCready.

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

Motion: (Nelson/Gores) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (Langman/Nelson)** to approve the minutes of November 5, 2024 meeting; carried. No edit list questions; Gruetzmacher provided information on the December 12th Farmer-Led Winter Agronomy Conference.

Item #5. Wildlife Damage: Cody Knoop, USDA APHIS, presented suggested crop prices for corn and green beans for committee review. After committee discussion, **motion: (Nelson/Gores)** to approve the amounts of \$4/bu. for corn and \$130/ton for green beans; carried.

Item #6. Thalacker and Gruetzmacher gave an overview of the MDV program, requesting committee approval to receive additional funding. **Motion: (Langman/Gores)**

Collins presented an FPP Certificate of Compliance for approval, stating the owners meet all standards. **Motion: (Nelson/Gores)** to approve the certificate; carried.

Item #7. Staff Reports –

NRCS – N/A

FSA – N/A

SWCD – Gruetzmacher reported on the transfer of SWRM funds and Brown discussed establishing a native plant sale.

UWEX – Baltrusis announced the start of the new Foodwise Educator, stated Ryan Sterry took a position in a different Area so the Dairy Educator position is vacant, and discussed the Taste of 4-H event in November.

Executive Committee – N/A

Fair Board – N/A

After discussion, the next meeting is set for January 7, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Future agenda items:

Chair adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 9:11 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.