

Davidson County UT-TSU Agricultural Extension Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 1:00 PM

Ag Extension Office, 2nd Floor 1417 Murfreesboro Pike

Members Present: Mr. Mark Kerske, Ms. Sylvia Ganier- Chair, Dr. Thelma Sanders-Hunter, Mrs. Gigi Drumwright, Ms Sherri Smith

Members Absent: Mr. Philip Krajeck, Mr. Ed Smith

Special Guest: Dust Owens

Open-call to order- Sylvia Ganier

Motion to begin meeting

Mark Kerske seconds

Quorum is present.

Introduce visitors and guests-

Dust Owens- budget analyst for the city of Nashville. Helps with funds for our committee.

Reading and approval of previous minutes- Sylvia Ganier

Motion to read the minutes- Mark Kerske seconds.

Thelma Sanders-Hunter motions to approve minutes, Mark Kerske seconds

Quorum voted to approve minutes.

Officer report- Sylvia

Introductions of members-interests in being a part of the committee.

Thanked Thelma for reminding us of the need for the Ag Committee and how they contribute to the extension office.

Extension Program Updates:

Andy Lantz: April is the last month of 4H in schools. Finishing up those clubs. Poster contest and award ceremony was held last month. Some shooting sports possibly upcoming. Planning modified 4H one day camp.

Lindsey Harrison: Just got back from maternity leave this week. Andy has handled all her and his clubs while she has been gone.

Mary Wakefield: Creating lots of newsletters, flyers, handouts, and conference calls on the pandemic and food during this time to help people through this tough time. Working closely and effectively with partners to stay connected. Distributing information based on data from the CDC. Helped organize Earth Day event.

Ebone' Colclough: Facilitating Eat Well program. Working with the store to provide garden program, kicked off walk across Tennessee program with them. Helped facilitated a PA training. Hosted an intern last week. Working on videos to post on social media. Started a nutrition podcast with Bianca.

Bianca Johnson: Participated in video shoot for program assistant training. Partnered with Cole elementary. Started podcast with Ebone' that releases this month. Working with illustrator on story walk about extension.

David Cook: Just finished up 2021 Master Gardener programs-had 99 participants and held on zoom. Had some flooding at partners farms. Classes are going well. Lots of site visits.

Michael Barry: Serves as president elect of the 4H agent association. Serves on national leadership councils. Have been holding these meetings virtual. Held Master Beef program online. Taught at some other counties master beef classes. Been doing site visits for beginning farmers and new landowners.

Elizabeth Sanders: First time home buyer classes working with new buyers. Working with metro and on the budget. Overseeing the staff.

Board Discussion: FY22 Budget

Requested additional funds to contribute to increased expenses. Increase for travel funds for Dan Harrell to prevent him from going over. Asked for additional funds for a hot spot-because our office does not have wifi. Requested a fridge for TNCEP. TSU requested for us to take on new agents.

Sylvia Ganier made the motion to dismiss- Mark Kerske seconds- Meeting dismissed.