

Monday, July 8th, 2024 1:00 PM
Ag Extension Office, 2nd Floor
1417 Murfreesboro Pike

Members Present: Mr. Reggie Marshall- Chair via Zoom, Mr. Mac Wilson, Mr. Jim Barbes, Ms. Gigi Drumright and Ms. Barbara Devaney

Members Absent: Ms. Joan Clayton-Davis

Open-call to order- Reggie Marshall called the meeting to order as there was a quorum. Ms. Drumright made a motion and Mr. Mac Wilson seconded.

Reading and approval of previous minutes- Reggie Marshall

Motion to read the minutes- Reggie Marshall seconds.

Mac Wilson right motions to approve minutes, Reggie Marshall seconds

Quorum voted to approve minutes.

Officer report- Mr. Marshall reports 2nd Annual Marshall Family Farm Day. Had 150 people show up for the event. Reggie's cousin's farms were showed for examples to guests. The farm is located in Jackson, TN on 3,000 acres. The event next year is on June 27th.

Extension Program Updates:

Dan Harrell

- Has been busy with this school and community gardens. He helps with 15 schools and 3 community gardens. He is planting for the school contest at the Nashville Fair.

Ebone Colclough

- Has been continuing with the community center tour. She has been teaching for Adventures in the Kitchen. The program is a hands-on cooking teaching. She also has been teaching the Stay Strong Stay Healthy class and had 16 graduates.

Cheryl Johnson

- Has been working with youth group at church and YMCA. She is looking for a new site this fall.

Angela Settles

- Has been running summer programs. The TSU Tiger pantry has been reaching to an international student demographic. She also had a Juneteenth berry salad event where students can learn about Juneteenth. She is looking for a local source of honey.

Shana DeLozier

- Celebrated lunch & learn series for livestock & forage. Hay testing, record keeping, budgeting, pasture renovation, new beginning farmers and poultry 101 were some of the subjects. All were on Zoom and lectures were recorded with links available. This fall she is planning a farmer's fundamentals lecture. She will be a judge for fruits and vegetables at the Nashville Fair. She will

also be a person of contact for anyone interested in the hay or soybean contests at the Wilson County and Nashville Fair.

Andy Lantz

- Has concluded the 4-H in school programs and summer camps. Had over 600 students in school 4-H clubs, with over 100 in the 100% club. Students had to compete in Demonstration, Public Speaking and Poster contest. Winners will go onto 4-H Honor Club. He co-directed the Central Region 4-H camp and had 63 youths go to Jr 4-H camp. 18 of them went on scholarships. He will help this week at 2nd Harvest and continue his bird watching series this summer. The 4-H Night at the Nashville Fair will be September 9th on a Monday from 5-7pm. Will have a 4-H day at the fair will learn more about clubs on the 1st Saturday of September.

Elizabeth Sanders

- Last day is Friday., as she heads to Virginia Tech to get her PHD. We will miss her so much.

Budget:

New Business:

- Interviews for the TSU FCS position has concluded and program assistant Lexie Trice has accepted the position.
- Barbara Devaney joined her first Ag Board meeting. She has made a tree resource directory for Nashville and is happy to share it to anyone.
- The floor plan has been made for the new office. The new address is 1281 Murfreesboro Pike Nashville, TN 37217 where the Metro Action Commission Committee is. The move should be at the end of September or beginning of October. The next Ag Board meeting is to be determined at which location it will be at.
- Andy has accepted the County Director meeting position. He looks forward to meeting with the EFNEP and TNCEP agents. He will shadow the Ag agents later on.
- Reggie calls a vote to approve of Andy's new position. Barbara makes a motion- Mac Wilson seconds. The vote is unanimously approved and motion is passed.
- The next meeting date should be the first Monday on October 7th at 1:00 pm here at the UT/TSU Extension Davidson office. Whether it is at the current location or new one will be determined and notified before then.

Reggie Marshall made the motion to dismiss- Jim Barnes seconds- Meeting dismissed.