

Meade County Extension Council holds bi-yearly meeting



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Members of the Meade County Extension Council meet for their bi-annual meeting.

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Editor

Meade County Extension Council gathered for their bi-yearly meeting on Monday, March 24, 2024, at the Meade County Extension Office. In attendance were Meade County Judge Executive Troy Kok, Boyd Emmert, Earlene Bohannon, Polly Stanger, Julia Schmidt, Earl Roach, Ben Smith, Janet Hobbs, Magistrate Eli Dix, Amanda Hardy, Tom Gossett, Andy Mills and Jennifer Bridge.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were provided prior to the meeting via email. A motion to accept those minutes was made by Judge Kok and seconded by Tim Gossett. Motion carried.

The District Board report was presented by Andy Mills, Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent. Mills

reported there is a 4-H position vacancy due to the recent transfer of 4-H agent Deana Reed. The position has been posted, and applications will be accepted until April 9. Requirements for this position are a four-year degree in agriculture, education, family consumer services or social work.

Mills also reported that the District Board has transferred funds of \$450,000 from the District Board’s checking account into a 6-month certificate of deposit with Meade County Bank.

Janet Hobbs, Kentucky State Extension Secretary, attended the Kentucky State Extension Council meeting on February 10-11 in Lexington. Hobbs said that delegates and other participants provided updates from Kentucky State University and University of Kentucky. Hobbs said the council meeting focused on two of the three priority ar-

eas identified in the 2019 Extension Community Assessment: substance abuse, mental health and community leadership, and engagement and pride.

Jennifer Bridge, Extension Educator of University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension, presented old business from the previous council meeting. Bridge announced that Brittany Pack has transferred in from the Hardin County Extension Office to fill the position vacated by Donna Curl.

Mills presented an overview of the 2025-2026 budget prepared by the District Board. After a thorough explanation of each byline of the budget and an opportunity for questions to be addressed, Judge Kok made a motion to approve the proposed budget. This motion was seconded by Polly Stanger and the motion was carried.

Bridge stated that the 2025-2029 Programming

for Plan of Work would be finalized by May 1, as required.

Polly Stanger gave the Nominating Committee Report and stated the proposed nominations were for Chair, Janet Hobbs and for Vice Chairman, Noel Pack. Stanger said the Secretary position nomination has not been finalized yet.

Bridge shared with the group that the Disaster Preparedness Awareness event would take place on Tuesday, March 25, from 4-7 pm. She stated that this event is a yearly event that is sponsored by the Meade County Extension Office and the Meade County Extension Homemakers.

Bridge and Mills gave an update on the 4-H Youth Development Program. There are several programs currently happening or soon to happen, including preparing for the upcoming 4-H Camps, school student led

chick incubation projects and the livestock clubs. It was mentioned that two Meade County 4-H members have attained bronze and gold for achievement awards in 4-H.

Mills updated the group with a report regarding the annual growing giant meeting. He said 13 attended locally. He held the same meeting via zoom and there were 45 participants from around the country and one participant from Russia attending. Mills also reported that he has had several farm visits.

Bridge reported the success of the WITS program for older adults implemented by certified Health and Wellness Ambassadors. She also reported the success of the Meade County Piggy Bank Contest and reported that the winning entry was a piggy bank that resembles the Fort Knox Gold Vault. It is on display at the Capital in Frankfort.

Meade County has won this award four out of the last five years. Bridge said that preschools across the county are growing cilantro seeds in their classrooms and when they are harvested, she and the students will make homemade salsa.

The last bit of news shared at the meeting was about EFNEP (Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program) representative, Terri King. King will be presenting gardening classes through the Brandenburg Outreach Program where they will be growing raised gardens at the Extension Office. King also works with both male and female populations at the Meade County Jail. King’s programs and contributions are 100% funded through federal grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next Meade County Extension Council meeting will be in October.

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