

Monday, July 7th, 2025 1:00 PM
Ag Extension Office, 2nd Floor
1281 Murfreesboro Pike

Members Present: Mr. Jim Barnes, Ms. Gigi Drumright, Barbara Devaney and Joan Clayton-Davis

Members Absent: Jeffrey Ezell

Open-call to order- Ms. Devaney called the meeting to order as there was a quorum. Ms. Drumright made a motion and Mr. Drumright seconded. Barbara Devaney volunteers to be the chair of the board for this meeting.

Reading and approval of previous minutes- Barbara Devaney

Motion to read the minutes- Gigi Drumright seconds.

Jim Barnes right motions to approve minutes, Gigi Drumright seconds

Quorum voted to approve minutes.

Officer report- Ms. Devaney speaks on Jeffrey Ezell and his background.

Staff Update- Andy discusses how the new bill passed in D.C. about how it effects the SNAP-Ed audiences. We have around 6 staff members of our 18 that are affected. The bill impacts the audience we reach and the direct impact on our employees. UT is working and restructuring on the positions. The side that is affected is the UTK TNCEP and TSU SNAP-Ed positions. The EFNEP positions are untouched and could be a way of mixing in their roles with the current TNCEP and SNAP-Ed. UTK is looking for a billboard or barn for a mural marketing extension. It is a statewide campaign that extension operates in all 95 counties. Barbara was going to reach out to Forest Hills, Berry Hill and Oak Hill area. Andy gives flyers out about the 4-H Leadership dinner on Monday September 8th at the Fairgrounds.

Budget Update- Metro budget was updated and passed. UTK is fully funded and employees were eligible for a 2.6% increase. We should know more in a month.

Metro Update- The Vice mayor is working on the other Ag Board position. In the binders show the 3-year terms and can service twice.

Extension Program Updates:

Melissa Standley

- Has been going to the Scottsboro Community Club about what they need. She will be meeting with Dan Harrell about going to the White's Creek area. She is still waiting to hear back from other areas. She took some canning training classes in the beginning of May and hopes to have some classes at the Nashville Farmers Market, Community Clubs and Green Door Gourmet. She discusses the differences between Pressure Cooking and Pressure Canning. She hopes for the next year to have a freezing and drying canning course.

Shana Los

- Is teaming up with Melissa Standley on July 19th. It will be a canning and gardening class. Shana will be doing the gardening half and Melissa be will showing how to preserve extra items. Horse club has been going well with two youth's placing in contests. The chick chain has been successful and the sell will be September 6th at the Nashville Fair. She has had interests in Companion Animals and looking for help if anybody knows any. She has also had a former 4-H youth reach out about a Poultry Club. She is also looking for any hay or cotton for the Nashville Fair and add that component. There is a fruit and vegetable show at the Nashville Fair and always looking for more. She would like to go to other areas of Nashville to show and answer any questions about what extension does.

Andy Lantz

- Had a strong showing for the 4-H camp and the number of campers grows each year. He hopes to have a day camp at TSU farms next year in late June to early July. He hopes to have farm tours and nutrition classes. He also asks for any ideas or resources for it. Hannah Decker will be the one in charge of that camp. The leadership dinner should have a silent auction. If anyone would like to donate for the auction feel free to reach out to Andy.

New Business:

- The next meeting date will be the first Monday on November 3rd at 1pm.
- Joan Clayton-Davis suggests the extension flyer be put in the local libraries.
- Barbara Devaney shares her credentials for the Ag Board Chair position. Joan Clayton-Davis brings for the nomination Barbara Devaney. Jim Barnes seconds it. Vote is unanimously passed and approved.
- Shana tells that FAA is asking for any supply donations for the floods in Texas. Shana is happy to come by and pick up or have anything dropped off at the office.
- The new meetings will be quarterly and every four months to go with the guidelines with metro.
- The Nashville Fair will be September 5th-14th.

Adjourn

- Barbara Devaney calls for a motion to close the meeting. Jim Barnes made the motion to dismiss- Joan Clayton-Davis seconds- Meeting dismissed.