

Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 1:00 PM  
Ag Extension Office, 2nd Floor  
1281 Murfreesboro Pike

**Members Present:** Mr. Jeffrey Ezell, Ms. Gigi Drumright, Ms. Barbara Devaney and Ms. Joan Clayton-Davis

**Members Absent:** Mr. Jim Barnes

**Open-call to order-** Ms. Devaney called the meeting to order as there was a quorum. Ms. Drumright made a motion and Mr. Ezell seconded.

**Reading and approval of previous minutes-** Barbara Devaney

Motion to read the minutes- Gigi Drumright seconds.

Jeffrey Ezell right motions to approve minutes, Gigi Drumright seconds

Quorum voted to approve minutes.

**Officer Report-** Jeffrey Ezell introduces himself and gives his background of compost. His company sends soil testing at the soil lab. Joan Clayton-Davis introduces herself and gives her background in farming. She also works with a number of elementary schools and does classes to go through a curriculum with plants. Barbara Devaney asks a two-minute summary about their program area.

**Staff Update-** The TSU EFNEP program assistant position should be posted soon and be a full-time position. The UTK TNCEP program (SNAP-Ed) position was cut due to funding. There was potential that UTK could refund the position but unfortunately will be down that position for the foreseeable future. We lost 3 positions due to the funding.

**Metro Update-** Barbara and Andy discussed about the impact of SNAP currently. About 60,000 residents are affected in the community of Nashville. Hopeful that the impact is temporary. Andy shares that the education we do is based on the economy and currently on a wait and see. Also, if any programs need any adjustments. Melissa discussed about doing a lunch & learn series that can be virtual to spread news about the current situation and where to find resources at the moment. She has been trying to share info on social media about local food banks to help spread awareness. The mayor has a website called: "nashville.gov/food" Metro is looking to partner with 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest and help out. Andy asks for any partners that need any educational services feel free to reach out. Andy discusses the board is up to 7 members.

**Budget Update-** Andy found out that our office has land across the street that is 0.382 acres. The land area will be cleared eventually. It will be a triangle lot. Andy and Amy have discussed all the opportunities that can happen with the land. Amy hopes to have a green-house, raised beds and an outdoor space for everyone to use with their program area. She is looking to get a committee for the new area once the goals are set and looking for a time-frame around January on how to move forward. The project will be done through metro but can be used through one of the universities.

## Extension Program Updates:

Karen Brown

- She is our metro employee that helps Amy out and is a big help to people getting there hours with Master Gardener.

Charslyn Guilyot

- Gives her background in Family Nutrition. She partners with different agencies in the community about food resources and budgeting. 211 is a great resource that is current. She helps with substance abuse programs and enjoys helping improve other's lives.

Hannah Decker

- Gives her background in 4-H growing up. She helps with the school clubs in Davidson County and leads the Honor Club which is an after-school program. She helps with leadership training and public speaking. She is looking for judges for the Honor Club speech contest on Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm. The talent show will have free parking at Avon Williams campus and she will have passes.

Alexis Trice

- Gives her background in Nutrition. She discusses the programs offered and how she enjoys teaching to ones who need it. She works with Chippington Towers that is a senior site and has been doing the curriculum "Dining with Diabetes" there.

Amy Dunlap

- Gives her background in Horticulture. Amy offers many courses throughout the year through education or commercial. She started this year in her metro role as deputy director. She also runs the Master Gardener program for Davidson County.

Melissa Standley

- Gives her background in Family Consumer Science. She has programs throughout the year and has diverse audiences to anyone that has a need in nutrition. She enjoys making a difference in the community. Will be having a lawn maintenance class in Joelton, TN on November 13<sup>th</sup>. She is looking for space to have a science behind charcuterie in December.

Shana Los

- Gives her background in Animal Science and specialization in poultry. She runs the 4-H Horse Club, Poultry Club, and Chick Chain for Davidson County. She helps with both Farming and Agriculture in 4-H. She teams up with Amy in gardening at times.

Andy Lantz

- Gives the background on the other employees who are not here: Raysa Santana (Program Assistant), Ebone Colclough, Dan Harrell (Metro Community Gardens Agent), and Mason

McClintock (Metro 4-H agent). This Friday at 7pm at the TSU Avon Williams Campus is the 4-H talent show. He gives his background as 4-H agent and the current county director for our office.

**New Business:**

- Barbara and Andy discussed having a field trip to various parts of the program areas and see what all is done in the community. The first one scheduled will be here and is a 4-H Homeschool Club. It is taught by Metro 4-H agent Mason McClintock on Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup> and will start at 2:30pm-3:00pm then have a debrief in the conference room. The next meeting will be here on Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026 at 1pm. Andy discusses about the future of the Ag Board meetings but will still have the same format.

**Adjourn**

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