

Monday, August 10th , 2026 1:00 PM
Ag Extension Office, 2nd Floor
1281 Murfreesboro Pike

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

Members Absent- Jim Barnes

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

Reading and approval of previous minutes- Barbara Devaney

Motion to read the minutes- Mr. Ezell seconds.

Joan Clayton-Davis right motions to approve minutes, Gigi Drumright seconds

Quorum voted to approve minutes.

Officer Report- Joan asks how homeschoolers can get involved in 4-H. Andy says the best way is to subscribe to the 4-H newsletter and gets sent out.

Staff Update- Kelly Jiroch and Eloni Cooper have both joined the Davidson County Extension Office. Kelly is the TSU 4-H agent and Eloni is the 4-H agent in training.

Metro Update- The 4-H agent position that is metro funded was not approved. No update about the ag board terms and the language of continuing on the roles of being a board member. Andy talks about the employees involved in 4-H and FCS. No update about the land parcel through metro and hopes to get the phase one funding then look at the next phases to complete the outdoor space.

Budget Update- Andy speaks on the 1.7% salary increase and 2% merit pool through metro and UT.

New Business- Mason is moving into a volunteer role thru extension. Andy is hoping to fill his 4-H metro position that will help with judging and other clubs. The position is open now and will be sent out. Kelly is doing the hiring of that position and hopes to start before in school clubs in September. He will start sending out schedules for 4-H this school year starting tomorrow.

Extension Program Updates-

Kelly Jiroch

- Has been busy adjusting to her new role and planning for the school year. She has a 4-H open House on September 26th and will start back the 4-H Fun Saturdays back in October.

Eloni Cooper

- She has been busy completing her trainings for her position and organizing the Creative Arts Clubs for the remaining of the year and spring of next year.

Melissa Standley

- She has been doing a living with chronic conditions course with other counties. She is teaming up with Shana and Alexis to have a charcuterie board class on August 21st. She just got finished with a canning class this month and hopes to have more.

Amy Dunlap

- Has had a busy quarter and been preparing for the upcoming Nashville Fair. She leads the Nashville Butterfly Exhibit and asks for any container plants for the fair. She is working with Vanderbilt University and teaching a gardening course. She hopes to do a repeat course in October and has done a workshop series at Cheekwood. She got to go to Knoxville and accepted a publishing award. October 3rd from 9-11am will be the Master Gardener Anniversary Celebration.

Shana Los

- She had a 4-H member that won at the state horse show. The chick chain sale is on Saturday September 12 at noon at the Nashville Fair. She had a farming Zoom series with over 80 participants and is continuing it this month. She is partnering with another extension agent to do another farming program. She has a Farm Festival with the Nashville Soil Conservation on November 21st and hosting Master Beef with Cheatham County.

Andy Lantz

- The next field trip will be at the 4-H Leadership dinner at the Nashville Fair on Monday September 14th from 6-8pm at The Nashville Fairgrounds. It is a recognition night and how 4-H impacts. He asks if anyone wants to donate or support is on the website. He also brings up how the Extension Day Camp was a great success at TSU and hopes to increase the number of campers next year.

Adjourn-

- The next meeting will be Monday November 2nd 2026 at 1pm at The Davidson County Extension Office. Barbara Devaney calls for a motion to close the meeting. Joan Clayton-Davis made the motion to dismiss- Jeffrey Ezell seconds- Meeting dismissed.