

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between**

**SDSU Extension and Counties of South Dakota**

**2021**

In accordance with Chapter 4.05, Section 4.0504, Revised Code of 1939 and as subsequently amended to conduct Extension educational programs in Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, Community Development and 4-H/Youth Development with the complete understanding of all parties concerned. SDSU Extension, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Board of County Commissioners of **Brookings County** enter in the following agreement:

## **COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

SDSU Extension agrees to give guidance and active assistance to the 4-H Advisor in determining and carrying out 4-H and Youth Development educational programs that will be of greatest benefit to the people in the county. SDSU Extension agrees to assist the 4-H Advisor in the conduct of their work by providing program planning and development, leadership, training, supervision, and subject matter support through Extension specialists, field specialists, publications, and technology information services.

## **PERSONNEL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF COOPERATING COUNTY**

The Board of County Commissioners agrees to furnish an office to the 4-H Advisor and office administrative support staff. The Board of County Commissioners further agrees to provide sufficient funds for qualified office administrative support (up to 19.5 hours per week), 4-H Advisor travel expenses, office supplies and equipment, postage, demonstration and educational supplies, telephone/internet and related charges and computer/related equipment, subject to the county's budgetary authority.

The Board of County Commissioners agrees to pay annually to South Dakota State University for partial salary support of the 4-H Advisor position. SDSU Extension will invoice the county and payments must be made by the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March in this calendar year. For the calendar year 2021, this is in the amount of \$20,621. This position will work 100% time in Brookings County. Should the position become vacant during the 2021 calendar year, or portions thereof, the county shall be reimbursed on a pro-rata basis for such period(s) of vacancy at the close of the calendar year.

The Board of County Commissioners agrees to reimburse the 4-H Advisor for official use of their personal vehicle, meals and lodging on official business away from their county office headquarters at rates and policies equal to or above those established by the State Board of Finance. The 4-H Advisor will submit itemized vouchers for official travel expenses to the County Finance Officer for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners for payment.

The 4-H Advisor will travel within the county to serve clientele and conduct educational programming. Furthermore, the 4-H Advisor will participate in some out-of-county activities that are related to their duties for the county, e.g. State Fair, for which the Board of County Commissioners agrees to reimburse travel expenses. The Board of County Commissioners further agrees to allow the 4-H Advisor to participate in some training and special events outside of the county which are related to their duties and continued professional development. If the training / professional development is mandated by SDSU Extension, SDSU Extension will provide travel reimbursement to the 4-H Advisor.

## **ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL DATA**

Access to SDSU Extension data and communications, whether it resides on county-owned or SDSU Extension-owned equipment, shall be restricted to South Dakota State University personnel or their respective designees. As stated in the South Dakota Board of Regents Acceptable Use Policy, information resources and technology should be used to support the operations and missions of the South Dakota Regental System. Accordingly, the Chief Information Technology Office at South Dakota State University will investigate any and all allegations of misuse of technology by SDSU Extension personnel. Allegations of misuse of technology on county-owned equipment by SDSU Extension personnel

will be investigated jointly by the SDSU Office of Information Technology, the Vice President of Information Technology and the appropriate county personnel. SDSU will work with individual counties as requested to establish a standard Third Party Agreement to address network access concerns.

**COOPERATIVE PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT POLICY**

It shall be the responsibility of SDSU Extension to screen and certify the qualifications of applicants for a vacant position. The County Commission will be represented in interviewing candidate(s) for the open position and participate in recommending approval or rejection of the candidate's employment by SDSU Extension. Salary will be determined by SDSU Extension with approval of South Dakota State University and the South Dakota Board of Regents.

If the performance of a 4-H Advisor becomes unsatisfactory, his/her employment may be terminated in accordance with South Dakota State University and Board of Regents Personnel policies. In addition, SDSU Extension may need to remove a 4-H Advisor when either appropriated State or Federal funds or the County funds are not adequate to satisfactorily carry on effective 4-H and Youth Development Extension educational programs in the county.

The employment policies of SDSU Extension and parties to this cooperative agreement are required to conform to provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related amendments thereto prohibiting discrimination.

**APPROVAL AND/OR MODIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM**

This memorandum will be in effect when the Board of County Commissioners and SDSU Extension approve it. It supersedes all previously signed agreements and shall remain in effect until it is expressly terminated in writing by one or more of the parties concerned. This agreement should be reviewed at the first meeting of the County Commission each year for purposes of informing new members and reacquainting experienced members with its provisions.

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CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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DIRECTOR, SDSU EXTENSION