



## Brookings County Extension Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

12:00 pm

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Attendees- Sonia Mack, Laura Stern, Larry Jensen, Sonia Mack, Ronda Stewart-Houtman, Dick Waldner, Deb Ford, Jennifer Pickard, Ron Parmely

Members absent: None

Meeting called to order by Chairman Parmely.

Invitation for a Citizen to schedule time on the Brookings County Extension Board agenda for an item not listed. None at this time.

**Secretary's Report** -Chairman Parmely asked for any corrections or questions to December 2020 meeting. Waldner motioned to approve. Seconded by Stewart-Houtman.

### **Election of Officers**

- Chair: Waldner nominated Ron Parmely, unanimously approved.
- Vice-chair: Waldner nominated Stewart-Houtman, unanimously approved.
- Secretary: Waldner nominated Ford, unanimously approved.

### **Budget**

Mack- Last meeting we did not have end-of-year expenditures, so the first financial report in the packet is how we ended 2020. Waldner asked about what happens to the \$22,000 excess at the end of the year. Mack- That returns to the county. Jensen- Spending for 2020 looks good.

Mack- The second report is where we are sitting after January. We did just pay for the 4-H advisor payment for SDSU, which will show on the February report. When we put the budget together, we were uncertain about the amount, as SDSU was still addressing salary policy. Did 3% increase in budget, but amount ended up staying consistent with 2020. Workstudy amount will also come out in February. Last year's interns TJ Bigge and Haley Ringkob are back this year. TJ has a few hours left over from last year that he is working now. Haley will be taking an interim class in May, so she is also working now to get some hours in. They are working on

planning summer activities, we think most things will be in person, with some COVID restrictions. We are now working with Shawn on purchase of new computers. Kim will receive a new desktop, we will purchase a camera, and two laptops for 2021. Jensen asked about what fell under utilities in the report. Mack- it includes phone, internet, and recycling. \$8 recycling came out in January. Waldner remarked that it looked like 83% of the budget was spent for 2020. Stewart-Houtman moved to approve the financial review.

### **Commissioner Report**

Jensen- We are moving forward on jail, weather- permitting. Project on schedule as of now. The two bridges on Hwy 77 are complete. The bridge north on the Bruce road should be completed in May or June. Tomorrow some of us commissioners are working at POD at Swiftel, hopefully everything goes good; 1000-1500 doses ready to distribute for tomorrow. Open to 65+ to fill out remaining doses. Waldner- I signed up on Monday, it was easy to do. Jensen- The number of doses available is kind of deceiving, there will be a difference between doses given/available- have to save some for 2<sup>nd</sup> shot.

### **4-H Advisor Report**

Mack- Wanted to share about a letter that Dr. Tanner released to 4-H families on Monday. It's a letter looking forward between now and August (and beyond) that attempts to give a breakdown of where we will be for COVID precautions in our 4-H activities.

- Near-term: continue what we are doing with SDSU in level orange. Orange is 2 levels- level 1 is less restrictive than level 2. It's their way of easing up, transitioning to yellow. We are currently following guidelines and doing shooting sports with 97 kids and 20-some volunteers. Nice, safe program. People are respectful of our screening, ask about quarantining, people are responsible. Things are going well and people are responsive to the plan. Makes me feel good about how things will go in the summer. I don't see why we can't do summer activities in person, maybe less than 2019, but greater than last year. Anticipate all in-person this summer.
- Early may-August: Expect that SDSU will move to level yellow late-spring. In-person TLC and 4-H camp (at Lake Poinsett) will be held this year. As of Monday, February 22, some national events are being planned in-person (shooting sports, land and range judging) some are virtual (CWF), some are still cancelled. We do not have a lot of intel about what SD is looking at for the state shoot in April, but think they are planning to hold an event- maybe modification for age groups.

For county-level activities, we must remain COVID-sensitive. Counties that were completely virtual can move to some in-person events. Our Brookings County Achievement Days can

be more open than last year, although we may continue to offer some virtual activities. We will continue to do some things we started in 2020, like streaming our livestock shows. We will keep monitoring to see if we offer or accept virtual entries as a means to provide options for those who are uncomfortable in-person or who are sick.

Dr. Tanner continues to recommend wise purchasing decisions when it comes to livestock projects.

- Mid-Aug and forward: cautiously optimistic that SDSU will move to green. Events are being planned to yellow-level mindset for now. All in-person this year. Please focus on project depth. State Fair exhibit limits are increasing to 4 exhibits per event, 12 total exhibits. Last year participants were limited to 2 livestock exhibits per event (except for a total of 1 ram), and 2 display exhibits. (Note: Dr. Tanner's letter doesn't mention if Youth-in-Action contests are included in the 12 total exhibits allowed, but they probably are.) County- in person partnerships will be resumed in fall. National events probably start too- November Congress event will be a good test to see how things will be operate going forward.
- Dr. Tanner also invited people to participate in the Vision 2025 listening sessions. SD 4-H is doing these state-wide listening sessions. Have been some virtual. We will have our first one in March with Promo & Expansion committee with several counties. Small participation in every county will be good for discussion. The sessions will focus on two questions- "What are some strengths and successes in 4-H?" and "What are areas that need to be strengthened?". About 60 minutes. Offer the same group a couple more dates- one that focuses on youth contributions, where they see strengths, successes, weaknesses), one open to all ages. Want input from many. You are welcome to participate in these or the ones hosted by the State 4-H Office- Tuesday, March 2 and Thursday, March 11 remaining through them. Done via Zoom.

Most clubs are still doing virtual club meetings. Leaders Association has been meeting through Zoom. They are working on incorporating education for leaders. At the last meeting, Bobbi Shultz did a presentation on virtual zoom meetings and shared some things she's been doing with her club. At the March meeting we will be reviewing record book so they can be better resource for clubs. Zoom has provided some nice opportunities that maybe wouldn't have worked otherwise. Easy to share screen, let people see. Taking advantage of that while we can. Good way to connect, providing tools.

I'm doing in-person programming at the colony, started Junior Achievement through Zoom. Working with a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at Medary and will be working with 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at MMS later in the semester.

Parmely- I think you are doing a great job keeping things positive.

Ford reported on Winter Calf Show- We ended up with 48 head. Dealt with nasty weather, but still pulled it off. Only two families that had registered didn't come. Hubbard and Papa John's provided pizza, Valley Mart in Volga provided drinks. Want to go back to doing judging contest. Numbers were about the same as in the past, but people do prefer to have it at SDSU.

Other items- No other business

Next meeting date- Mack- budget paperwork should be out early to mid-April and budget will be due mid-May. Let's look at the end of April, beginning of May. Watch for a doodle poll to set a meeting date.

Stewart-Houtman moved to adjourn, seconded by Ford.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Secretary Ford due to virtual meeting.

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Jessica Hansen