

# **Brookings County Extension Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center Classroom

12:00 pm

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Parmely.

Members present: Larry Jensen, Ronny Parmely, Jennifer Pickard, Ronda Stewart-Houtman, Susan VanderWal, Dick Waldner, and Laura Stern.

- There were no citizens present requesting time for an item not listed on the agenda.
- Secretary's Report was approved as presented. The motion was moved by VanderWal and seconded by Waldner.
- The election of 2023 officers for Brookings County Extension Board took place.
- Election of Officers: The following officers were elected for the 2023 year
  - Chair: Ronny Parmely
  - Vice-Chair: Ronda Stewart-Houtman
  - Secretary: Laura Stern
- Members of the extension board reviewed the financial information since the last meeting. There were no concerns, and the board accepted the information as presented.
- 4-H Achievement Days and BBQ is a large event that takes many volunteers.
  - Food trucks have been contacted to provide food during the day at achievement days; however food trucks do not want to commit until June or July.
  - For the BBQ, the Ag Relations Committee of the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce has helped serve the meal, but what happens if they do not. Four members who were very active on the Ag Relations Committee have left. Some ideas of other people to reach out to include the Brookings County Department Heads, the Brookings Mayor and City Council, and the Brookings County Sheriff. Commissioner Jensen will see what he can do.
- Commissioner Jensen had the following to report:
  - Two new commissioners were elected.
  - Brookings Day at the Legislature was attended and went well.
  - There are ongoing issues with the proposed carbon dioxide pipeline.
  - Construction projects will be going on.
    - The interstate overpass is planned to open by July 1.
    - The Country Club Road bridge will be under construction.
  - Brookings County has job openings with retirements and people moving.
- 4-H Advisor Sonia Mack provided a written report.

- No additional business.
- The next Brookings County Extension Board meeting will be in April.
- VanderWal moved to adjourn the meeting and Jensen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Parmely.