

EXTENSION BOARD

Purpose: The purpose of the Board is to provide guidance and direction to the County Commissioners in the development, delivery, and evaluation of 4-H programs and services. The Board will assist the 4-H Advisor in developing and presenting the County budget to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board will review the budget throughout the year to assist with prioritizing of spending.

Membership:

The Board shall be comprised of seven members. These members shall be:

1. 1 County Commissioner
2. 6 At Large Members

At least two members shall be farmers and one a member of the Board of County Commissioners who may also be one of the farmer representatives. The membership shall be representative of the racial population mix in the county and of the various interest groups served by extension. No person shall be denied membership on the grounds of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin. Applicants will be selected based on a statement of interest voted upon by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners.

Term: The members of this Board shall be appointed for a period of one year and their terms shall expire on the tenth of January each year.

If a vacancy on the Board exists because of the resignation of a member, or for any reason other than the expiration of a term, a replacement shall be selected by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners. The newly elected member shall serve out the remainder of the vacated term, at which point he or she shall be eligible for reelection. Replacement of a County Commissioner shall be by a majority vote of the Board Commissioners.

Meeting Schedule:

The Board shall meet quarterly or as frequently as circumstances dictate.

Current County Appointments:

Susan VanderWal

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- Appointment: January 10, 2026 – January 9, 2027

Tyler Jensen

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- Appointment: January 10, 2026 – January 9, 2027

Laura Stern

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- Appointment: January 10, 2026 – January 9, 2027

Caitlyn Brandt

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- Appointment: January 10, 2026 – January 9, 2027

Valorie Dupraz

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- Appointment: January 10, 2026 – January 9, 2027

Kenneth Larson

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- Appointment: January 10, 2026 – January 9, 2027