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MINUTES OF THE CHERRY COUNTY EXTENSION BOARD ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, December 7, 1976
Court House Conference Room, 1:30 P.M. CDT

PRESENT:

Mr. Jim Drinkwalter, Valentine
Mr. Charlie Kyser, Wood Lake
Mrs. Deloris Colburn, Secretary
Mr. John Wickman, Merriman
Mrs. Connie Ahlman, District Supervisor
Gene Schlueter, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Betty Kime, Home Agent
Mr. Harry Stokely, County Agent

The meeting was called to order by Jim Drinkwalter, in the absence of Chairman Carol Luther, and Vice Chairman Gene Schlueter.

Minutes of the September 15th meeting were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Harry Stokely, County Agent, reported on USDA One-Stop Service Center Progress. The old County hospital building is now owned by Jim Mullen. The possibilities of using this building were discarded by the C.A.C. (SCS, ASCS, FmHA & Extension) because of the poor entrance, fairly poor location and the possible conflict with other uses to be made of the building, along with the service center, such as, apartments. Also, the Dam building could no longer be considered, because Mr. Dam had leased the building to other interests. The only course of action left is to solicit bids on new construction.

2. Extension ballots have been sent out to Extension Districts 4, 6 and 7. Ballots are to be canvassed on December 10th.

3. Agent evaluation by the Extension Board was to occupy part of the meeting. However, due to bad weather, there was only partial attendance and it was decided to forward the evaluation sheets on Betty Kime and Harry Stokely, to Chairman Carol Luther by the Board members. Mrs. Luther is to consolidate the evaluations into one and forward it, along with individual evaluations to the District II Administration Office, at North Platte. Harry Stokely is to call all non-attending Board members of the process.

NEW BUSINESS:

This being the annual meeting, Mrs. Connie Ahlman, District II Director of Home Economics, North Platte, was invited to attend. Connie discussed the following with the Board:

1. LB 800, "The Extension Law". The content as it is now written, concerning the funding of Extension, the election of Board Members and updating the wording. The hearings on LB 800 were also discussed, along with what a re-written LB 800 might contain.

2. The Board also discussed additional help in the Extension Office. Three choices were discussed, namely, an intern program of University of Nebraska Juniors and Seniors, who might be interested in Extension work; Bachelor of Science technicians and as an outside chance, sub-professional aides on a full-time, state-county pay share basis.
Harry Stokely, County Agent, gave a report on the District Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards Meeting at Broken Bow on November 29th. Much of what Connie Ahlman brought out was discussed at this meeting. Cherry County Board member, Wayne Olmsted, and Agent Stokely attended this meeting. Mr. Olmsted re-emphasized the Cherry County Board's wishes to Associate State Extension Director, Agnes Arthaud, District II Director, Gene White and Associate District Director, Neal Baxter, all of whom were in attendance, that Cherry County would like to enter into an agreement with the State Extension Service for a sub-professional aide position for Cherry County. The expenses to be shared by the State Extension Service and the County Extension Service.

There was other discussion, visiting, and coffee and cookies, before the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Deloris Colburn
SECRETARY-TREASURER
CHERRY COUNTY EXTENSION BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, September 15, 1976  
Cherry County Extension Office

PRESENT:

Mrs. Carol Luther, Chairman  
Mr. Gene Schlueuter, Vice Chairman  
Mrs. Deloris Colburn, Secretary  
Mr. Neal Baxter, Assoc. District Director  
Mr. Wayne Olmsted, Valentine  
Mr. Jim Drinkwalter, Valentine  
Mr. John Wickman, Merriman  
Mr. Cooper Ford, Cody  
Mr. Charlie Kyser, Wood Lake  
Mrs. Betty Kime, Home Agent  
Mr. Harry Stokely, County Agent

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Carol Luther. The Secretary read the minutes of the May 5, 1976 meeting.

Harry Stokely, County Agent, introduced the new office secretary, Mrs. Linda Connot, to the board.

The budget was reviewed and discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. One Stop Service Center. Possibility of the old hospital. Jim Mullen, owner, has prepared suggested floor plans. No action taken.

2. The 4-H Citizenship Short Course Chaperone cost was discussed. It was learned that no other County involved contributed. The matter was dropped.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Comparison Sheet of 4-H Exhibits & Activities of the '75 & '76 County Fair, was passed out for the board's review.

2. Neal Baxter reviewed the evaluation procedure of the Extension Staff by the Extension Board. It is to be taken home, studied and returned, by the Extension Board members at the December meeting. A composite evaluation of each Agent will then be made and sent to Neal Baxter, Associate District Director.

3. The next Quarterly Meeting is December 7, 1976 at 1:30 P.M. for the board and 2-4 P.M. for the Annual Meeting.

4. NOMINATIONS FOR EXTENSION BOARD ELECTIONS:

Valentine Precinct  
Wayne Olmsted  
Mrs. Bernard Miles  
Mrs. Charles Bowden  

District #6  
Mrs. Dean Colburn  
Dick Ballard  
Glee Swanson  

Wood Lake  
Jim Morris  
Kenny Marlatt  
Mrs. Gene Schlueuter  
Mrs. Bruce Ryman, Jr.
5. Neal Baxter discussed important changes in the "Extension Law" as proposed in LB 800. Neal and Harry Stokely discussed the hearing they had attended at North Platte on LB 800, with the Ag Committee of Nebraska Legislation. The general feeling indicated that LB 800 as it is now written would not be introduced into the Legislature in 1977.

6. Wayne Olmsted made a motion to pay mileage to the Secretary-Treasurer coming in on Extension business. John Wickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charlie Kyser made a motion the meeting be adjourned and Jim Drinkwalter seconded his motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Deloris Colburn
SECRETARY-TREASURER
August 4, 1976

Mrs. William Luther, Chairman
Cherry County Extension Board
Kilgore, NE 69216

Dear Carol:

Jeana submitted her July salary claim for $484.00. This is 1/12 of the amount the Extension Board set for Jeana's salary in the 1976-77 budget. In addition, Jeana submitted a second claim for the $22.00 which was the amount that her June salary was short. Both claims were honored with a warrant for the amount requested. There was no conversation from the Commissioners or the County Clerk. Thought you would like to know.

Yours truly,

Harry Stokely
Cherry County Agent

HS:jh
July 27, 1976

Dear Cherry County Commissioners:

As Chairman of the Cherry County Extension Board, I have con­tacted each member of our board concerning our 1976-77 budget and specifically that portion of the budget that allows our office assistant a ten percent raise.

Our board feels that the original budget presented to you ref­lects our wishes and should be honored by you.

We have instructed Jeana to make her claim for her salary at the rate prescribed in our 1976-77 budget. We have also instructed her to claim the $22.00 that was not paid to her on last months salary warrant.

We are fully aware of the salary problems that are posed by the employees in the courthouse. However, we feel that our request was not out of line considering the salary budgeted and the amount of work done.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Carol Luther, Chairman
Cherry County Extension Board

CL: jh
Kilgore, Nebr. 69216
July 21, 1976

Dear Wayne:

Harry Stokely called and informed me that our budget as we adopted at our last Extension Board meeting was accepted by the Commissioners. However, when Gina’s paycheck came she noticed that her increase in salary was only five percent and if you recall we agreed to give her a ten percent raise.

Harry did visit with the Commissioners and they advised him that all County Office Employees of the Court House were given a five percent raise, thus including Gina as one of the five percent.

Rather than calling a special meeting I'm choosing this method of contacting you and would appreciate your returning this envelope with your opinion in it. Then Harry will contact the Commissioners telling them of our action on this matter.

Remember, that first of all our budget shall be approved by the County Commissioners when the Board stays within its limits and we have stayed within our limits. Our budget was accepted with this one exception and we must go on record saying we expect them to honor the ten percent increase on her salary. Legally, they have no authority to determine her salary as it is a matter for the County Extension Board.

Another option open to us would be to visit with Gina and see if she would stay in our employ with the five percent increase. We must remember that she has done a good job and it might be hard to replace her for what we are paying her now. She does have some training for this job and has had considerably more than some of our previous office personal.

If you have any questions please call Harry or Betty or myself and we will try to answer them.

I would appreciate your prompt reply.

Thank you,

Carol Luther
Chm. Co. Extension Board
Valentine, Nebraska

June 9, 1976

To The Honorable Board of Cherry County Commissioners and the Budget Authority of Cherry County:

In accord with the provisions of the laws of Nebraska (Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, Section 2-1607 inclusive last amended April 6, 1967), we submit the following:

1. A budget of estimated expense as drawn up by the Board of Directors, said funds to cover the operation of the Cherry County Extension Service for the ensuing fiscal year, July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Cherry County Extension Service, the official sponsoring organization of the Agricultural Extension work in Cherry County, have given careful consideration to the estimated financial needs of the County Extension Service the coming year and have approved the budget herewith submitted.

Respectfully,

CHERRY COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

(Mrs.) Carol Luther, President
(Mrs.) Deloris Colburn, Secretary

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To the County Board:  
Request is hereby made for the adoption of the estimated budget expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976 and ending June 30, 1977 as shown above.

Dated June 9, 1976.
CHERRY COUNTY EXTENSION BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, May 5, 1976  
Cherry County Extension Office

PRESENT:
Mrs. Carol Luther, Chairman  
Mrs. Deloris Colburn, Secretary  
Mr. Gene Schlueter, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Cooper Ford, Cody  
Mr. Wayne Olmsted, Valentine  
Mr. John Wickman, Merriman  
Mrs. Betty Kime, Home Agent  
Mr. Harry Stokely, County Agent

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Gene Schlueter. The secretary read the minutes of the February 27, 1976 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Harry reviewed the NRD (as landlord) One Stop Service Center. It fell through. The several proposed private buildings for a One Stop Service Center were then discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: (1976-77 Budget)
1. Wayne Olmsted made the motion to place $5096.00 in our budget for our share of the Thedford District. Cooper Ford seconded the motion, the motion carried.

2. Cooper Ford made the motion to put $1200.00 in the budget for the aides salary. The second was by Wayne Olmsted. The motion carried.

3. Gene Schlueter made the motion we send a letter to the Cherry County Commissioners that we would like to meet with them to discuss the One Stop Service Center. The motion was seconded and carried. (Letter attached)

4. Gene Schlueter moved that we increase each agent's salary by $200.00. The second was by Deloris Colburn. The motion carried.

5. Wayne Olmsted moved to accept the 1976-77 budget. A copy is attached. Gene Schlueter seconded the motion, the motion carried.

6. Cost sharing of the 4-H Citizenship Short Course was discussed. It was decided to see if the 4-H Council would assume some or all of the $100.00 chaperone cost assessed each county.

Wayne Olmsted moved the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Deloris Colburn,  
SECRETARY-TREASURER
May 17, 1976

Mrs. Mabel Jones Mr. Clyde Weber Mr. Dan Thomas
Whitman, NE 69366 Merriman, NE 69218 Valentine, NE 69201

Dear Cherry County Commissioners:

A committee from the Cherry County Extension Board and the Cherry County Agents would like to meet with you briefly at 1:00 p.m., CDT, on Tuesday, May 25th, to discuss with you the concept of locating the Cherry County Extension Service office in the USDA One Stop Service Center building. The time and date of this meeting has been posted on the calendar in the County Clerk's office.

You are probably aware that all USDA agencies serving Cherry County, the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), and the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), plan to office in one building. This action will take place during the 1976-77 fiscal year. We feel that it would be of great advantage to the Cherry County ranchers to have the Cherry County Extension Service office in this building. We feel that it would be an advantage to have the Cherry County Agents in close proximity with the heads of the other agricultural agencies because of the various projects that are shared by these agencies and the Extension Service.

As tax payers, we know that taxes need to be spent wisely and we are reluctant to do anything that will cause the raising of taxes unnecessarily however, we feel this situation would be of great benefit to the ranchers and to the Cherry County Extension Service.

Our visit on Tuesday, May 25th, shouldn't take very many minutes of your time.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Carol Luther, Chairman
Cherry County Extension Board

CL:jh
PRESENT:

Mrs. Carol Luther, President - John E. Wickman, Merriman
Mrs. Deloris Colburn, Sec-Treas. - Mrs. Maxine Cobb, Merriman
Cooper Ford, Cody - Neal Baxter, Associate District II Director
Charlie Kyser, Wood Lake - Mrs. Betty Klme, Home Agent
Leonard Adam, Ashby - Harry Stokely, County Agent

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mrs. Carol Luther. The Secretary read the minutes of the December 11th annual meeting.

Harry explained the Individual budget items for the benefit of the new members.

OLD BUSINESS: The proposed NRD One Stop Service Center was discussed. Harry also informed that several local businessmen had proposed building a One Stop Service Center. Concrete plans are needed for our budget meeting in May. Both groups were advised of the early May deadline. We may need an early meeting if something develops down this line.

Neal Baxter, Associate District II Director, discussed LB 800.

Agent Stokely reported on the election of Extension Board Members in the 1975 election. Those elected take office January 1st, 1976.

EXTENSION DISTRICT 1 (Merriman & Russell Precincts):

Don Simons, Cody; Larry Walrod, Merriman; and John Wickman, Merriman, were the nominees. John Wickman was elected. One hundred twenty ballots were sent and 36% were returned. This compares with a 50% return in 1973.

EXTENSION DISTRICT 2 (Cody, Barley, & Gillispie Precincts):

Cooper Ford, Cody; and Mrs. Dean (Marion) Ostrander, Cody, were the nominees. Cooper Ford was re-elected. Ninety-one ballots were sent and 54% were returned. This compares with a 68% return in 1973.

EXTENSION DISTRICT 3 (King, Lackey, Mother Lake and Calf Creek Precincts):

Leonard Adam, Ashby; and John "Nick" Phipps, Whitman; were the nominees. Leonard Adam was elected. Eighty-five ballots were sent and 39% were returned. This compares with 30% in 1973.

NEWS BUSINESS: Election of officers was held. Mrs. Cobb made the motion to unanimously re-elect the officers. The motion was seconded and carried.

Neal Baxter discussed the land use planning bills, collective bargaining within the University of Nebraska. (The collective bargaining issue was resoundingly defeated by UN employees.) Mr. Baxter passed out the Handbooks for County Extension Board Members and briefly explained the duties and responsibilities of Extension Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DELORIS COLBURN, SECRETARY