

**Midway Extension District #15  
Monthly Board Meeting  
September 12, 2024 at 7:00pm  
Russell County 4-H Building**

The regular monthly meeting of Midway Extension District #15 was called to order by Board Chair Gaylon Walter at 7:39 p.m. on September 12, 2024 at the Russell County 4-H Building. All agents were present. Board members present were Gaylon Walter, Gunnar Hays, Julie Nienke, Marcia Blundon, and Melinda Olson. Guest Tim Hays joined by Zoom to discuss the upcoming Shooting Sports Instructor Training.

Julie Nienke moved to approve the agenda. Marcia Blundon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gunnar Hays moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items. Melinda Olson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

All agents gave their monthly reports. Karrie Van Winkle gave a recap of the Russell County 4-H Program Development Committee (PDC) meeting. Clint Laflin and Craig Dinkel provided a recap of the Ag PDC meeting. Marcia moved to approve the reports. Gunnar seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**

Guest Tim Hays spoke about the upcoming shooting sports instructor training in October and asked for the same reimbursement as last training. Melinda moved to pay for the cost of a hotel room for the Norris family to attend the training plus cover \$50.00 of each registration fee. Marcia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Melinda made a motion to accept the insurance buy-out for the 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan (white) for the amount of \$18,279.46. Gunnar seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The board advised Jess Kootz to deposit the check from Progressive into the checking account. Additionally, agents were advised by the Governing Body to bring back their top three vehicle options to the October board meeting for consideration.

Craig shared that he applied for the Kansas Farm Bureau Casten Fellows program. The Casten Fellows program is focused on developing individuals who can engage at the highest levels to enact change through meaningful relationships, innovation in ideas and processes, and effective leadership. Craig will report at the October meeting if he was accepted to this program.

No present board members or agents were able to participate in the last KSRE Partnership Meeting held August 13, 2024 via Zoom. Gaylon asked that this be included under "Unfinished Business" on the October agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding preparations for the September 17, 2024 Budget Hearing at the Ellsworth County Courthouse. Jess agreed to provide multiple budget options for Board Members to review. Melinda asked for an option at 1.8 mills.

Announcements were provided by Gaylon. Melinda moved to adjourn the meeting. Marcia seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Gaylon Walter, Chair

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Marcia Blundon, Acting Secretary