

Midway Extension District #15
March 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Meridy's, 6:30pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Midway Extension District board meeting was called to order by President Mariana Kinnard on March 11, 2026, at 6:30pm. Board members present were Erin Cook, Justin Hlaus, Melinda Olson, Chadd Stevenson, Daron Stevenson, Virginia Vetter, and Amy Westerman. Agents Raine Bradshaw, Craig Dinkel, and Jessica Kootz were present.

Amy Westerman moved to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business Item D for Paterson Grant Summer Intern Discussion, Melinda Olson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Amy Westerman moved to approve the consent agenda items. Justin Hlaus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agents presented monthly reports.

In unfinished business, Craig Dinkel gave an update on the Ellsworth County Office Location. Raine and Craig visited with Ellsworth Fair Association about adding office space on their new building. Jessica Kootz and Craig Dinkel meet with commissioners. Timeline for new information on the renovations of the Ellsworth County Courthouse is Fall 2026.

Craig Dinkel reviewed Board Training that was emailed out prior to the meeting.

Raine Bradshaw discussed progress on metrics for merit-based performance evaluations. There is more information coming from the university and they will continue to work on them.

Raine Bradshaw discussed the summer interns that are being funded by the Paterson Grant. She will be meeting with the summer enrichment coordinator on March 12th.

In new business, the 2025 Financial Audit was discussed. Amy Westerman moved to approve the 2025 Financial Audit. Daron Stevenson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff members discussed *All About Kansas* website that has a plethora of internal data that they know have at their fingertips.

Raine Bradshaw discussed with the board clarification on livestock hour documentation.

Melinda Olson moved to enter executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with all board members and Craig Dinkel present for 10 minutes starting at 7:38pm. Justin

Hlaus seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Executive session was exited at 7:48pm and no action was taken.

Melinda Olson moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with board members and Aliesa Good for 30 minutes starting at 7:50pm. Justin Hlaus seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Executive session was exited at 8:20pm.

Melinda Olson moved to enter executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Aliesa Good and board members for 15 minutes starting at 8:25pm. Amy Westerman seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Executive session was exited at 8:40pm. Mariana Kinnard moved to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Cottonwood District to have a shared district director, contingent on Cottonwood Districts approval. Amy Westerman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Melinda Olson moved to adjourn the meeting, Daron Stevenson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mariana Kinnard, President

Amy Westerman, Secretary