

Midway Extension District #15
Ellsworth and Russell Counties
Regular Monthly Meeting – August 8, 2024 at 7:00pm
Ellsworth County Courthouse

The regular monthly meeting of the Midway Extension District #15 was called to order by president Gaylon Walter at 7:00pm on July 11, 2024 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse. All agents were present. Board members present were Gaylon Walter, Gunnar Hays, Julie Nienke, Justin Hlaus, Marcia Blundon (by Zoom), Melinda Olson (by phone), and Virginia Vetter. Guest Tim Hays was present to discuss the upcoming Shooting Sports Instructor Meeting.

Gunnar Hays moved to approve the agenda with the update of moving the Ellsworth Shooting Sports Instructor Meeting (New Business item a) to after the Consent Agenda Items; Virginia Vetter seconded and the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Julie Nienke moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items; Gunnar seconded it; motion passed unanimously.

Guest Tim Hays spoke about the upcoming shooting sports instructor training in October and asked for the same reimbursement as last training. Present board members agreed to move this item to unfinished business for the September Board Meeting when Tim has the opportunity to share registration fees and hotel prices.

All agents gave their monthly reports. Gunnar moved to approve the reports; Marcia Bludon seconded and the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Karrie Van Winkle gave an update on the Ellsworth County and Russell County fairs. Discussion ensued on agent thoughts on how success of having the fairs the same week.

Karrie gave a report on the Summer 4-H Engagement Interns. Lexi West and Sophie Pancost enjoyed their time with Midway District youth this summer and would recommend this experience to others.

Craig Dinkel and Gaylon provided information on quotes for a new pick-up. Virginia made a motion to purchase a pick-up from Ehler Chevrolet for an amount not to exceed \$53,000.00 and the sale of the 2012 Chevrolet Silverado at the discretion of Craig and Gaylon; Justin seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Gaylon added that agents should look into the possibility of branding our vehicles with the Midway District logo. Jessica will contact Brian Stienert.

New Business

Jessica Kootz reported that Leadership Ellsworth County has opened a class for the fall and would like to send Office Professional Rutika Bhakta. The fee is \$300.00, but Rutika has applied for a scholarship to lessen that amount. Gunnar moved to allow Rutika to participate in Leadership Ellsworth County without having to take vacation time and for Midway District to pay the class fee after the scholarship has been applied; Marcia seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Karrie shared that there is just one adult 4-H volunteer needing approval: Sherry Homeier. Gunnar moved to approve Sherry Homeier as a Midway District adult 4-H volunteer; Julie seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Announcements were provided by Gaylon Walters and Julie moved to adjourn the meeting; Justin seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Gaylon Walter, President

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