

Midway Extension District #15
Ellsworth and Russell Counties
Regular Monthly Meeting – May 9, 2024
7:00pm at the Russell County 4-H Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Midway Extension District #15 was held on Thursday May 9, 2024 at 7:00pm. Chairman Gaylon Walter called the meeting to order. Other board members in attendance were Marcia Blundon, Justin Hlaus, Julie Nienke, Amy Westerman and Virginia Vetter arrived at 8:17pm. Extension agents in attendance were Jessica Kootz, Craig Dinkel, Clinton Laflin and Karrie Van Winkle.

Amy Westerman approved the agenda without any corrections, Marcia Blundon seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Amy Westerman approved the consent agenda items with no corrections or amendments, Julie Nienke seconded and the motion passed unanimously. All four agents presented their monthly reports and Amy Westerman presented an update on the past Partnership Meeting. Marcia Blundon approved the reports, Julie Nienke seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- a) Clinton Laflin gave an update on the Master Farm Family Nominations. Green Garden ran short on time to complete the application. Amy Westerman moved to nominate Green Garden for the 2025 Master Farm Family. Marcia Blundon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- a) Jessica Kootz presented a quote on new computers to replace the office professional computers. Marcia Blundon moved to purchase two Desktop TC M70s Gen to replace both the Ellsworth and Russell office professionals' computers. Virginia Vetter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- b) Jessica Kootz provided information for the board to prepare for when budget discussions occur in July. Items that the extension office needs to prepare for is a new laptop and pickup for Craig and a possible extra laptop. No action was taken.
- c) Food Per Diem during County Fairs was discussed by all agents to the board. Virginia Vetter moved to pay for two meals per day at both Ellsworth and Russell County Fairs under the conditions that four hours are needed to be worked for each meal and under the budget of \$13.00 per meal. Marcia Blundon seconded. The motion carried with four yays (Justin Hlaus, Marcia Blundon, Virginia Vetter and Amy Westerman) and one nay (Julie Nienke).
- d) All agents discussed Fair Exchange Day. Marcia Blundon moved to grant each agent a full day of leave (either one full day or two half days) after the fair to be used by September 15th. Julie Nienke seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- e) Karrie Van Winkle presented new 4-H Volunteers to be approved. Julie Nienke moved to approve Raine Bradshaw, Michael Deines, Kerianne Ehrlich, Sherri Howard, Lindsey Muetting, Janna Nelson, Carrie Raymer, Brandi Reinhardt, and Paula Svaty-Gray to be 4-H Volunteers. Amy Westerman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

No executive session was taken.

Gaylon Walter provided the announcements. The next meeting will be June 13, 2024 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse at 7:00pm. The next KSRE partnership meeting will be August 13, 2024 via Zoom.

Justin Hlaus moved to adjourn the meeting, Marcia Blundon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gaylon Walter, Chairman

Amy Westerman, Secretary