Rutherford County Agricultural Committee Minutes

June 16, 2015

Members Present: Will Jordan, Robert Peay, Joe Frank Jernigan, Francille Whitworth, Delia Goodman

Staff Present: Melissa Reid, Anthony Tuggle, Amy Willis, Misty Layne-Watkins, Rebekah Norman

The meeting was called to order at 5:150pm by Will Jordan

Francille Whitworth moved to approve the minutes from March 17, 2015 as submitted and second by Joe Frank Jernigan; the motion passed.

New Business

1. Market Program Assistant Position was filled by Nina Hanson.
2. Grounds Program Assistant Position has not been filled.
3. TSU 4-H Position has been interviewed for and the final candidate will be presented at the next Agricultural Committee Meeting.
4. TSU 4-H/Ag Position will not be filled yet. We have a TSU paid Agent in Training that will be with us for a year, Allen Denkins. Allen will be utilized to support the position until an evaluation of the 4-H Program is done.
5. Janie Becker will be successfully transferred to the UT ANR/CED Position starting July 1, 2015.
6. Currently we have 3 summer interns to help around the office on an as-needed basis.
    a. Rashaun Logan – High School Intern paid by the Chamber of Commerce.
    b. Kayla Council - UT Intern paid by UT
    c. Sharonda Stiggers – MTSU Intern, not paid-needs internship for school.
7. Anthony Tuggle reported that the 2016 Budget is in the final stages of approval.

Staff Updates

See attachments.

Old Business

None.

Next Meeting: July 21, 2015 at 5:15pm

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectively submitted,

Melissa Reid

ANR/CED Update

>Hay Sampling work- weighing and taking dimensions of hay bales for testing.
>All Ag Agents will be teaching "So You Want to be a Farmer?" for folks who have land are are exploring what to do with it.
>Farmer's Market is doing great...sales ahead from last year at this time and record number of seasonal vendors have confirmed.
>Received the "Double SNAP Grant" from September through October for 4 years. This grant gives SNAP participants an opportunity to double up their benefits (up to $10) to spend at the Farmer's Market.

Family and Consumer Sciences Update

>Misty wrapped up TCYD and began LWWCC St. Clair's with Rutherford County Health Department.
>Had 2 Diabetic Wellness Fairs with over 50 people in attendance. Attendees got health screenings and the fair was used as an opportunity to promote the chronic disease self-management workshops.
>Raquel and Misty set up Portion Distortion at Blackman Career Day and talked about what we do as extension agents.
>Taught 4 Homebuyer Education classes and have 2 more scheduled for the remainder of the month.
>Read the Two Bite Club for 2 Pre-K classes at Scales Elementary and gave samples of food representing the food groups.
>About to wrap up the U-Connect Pilot Program at McFadden Community Center.
>Attended the CYFAR (Children, Youth, Families at Risk) Conference in Arlington, Virginia
>Amy and Misty attended the JumpStart Financial Conference last week in Gatlinburg.
>Currently conducting Eat Smart During Pregnancy classes at the Rutherford County Health Department- 7 participants
>Currently conducting Eat Smart classes at: Habitat for Humanity- 14 participants
>Graduated 7 participants from Franklin Heights- 100% graduation!
>Graduated 6 adults at the Drug Court in Murfreesboro 6/8.
>Beginning new session of classes at the Drug Court next week, 6/22.
>Beginning classes with Blue Monarch Women's Recovery Group, here, at the Extension office, tomorrow, 6/17.
>Beginning Parent/Child classes this upcoming year in Murfreesboro City Schools w/Hispanic families in the evenings.
>Beginning Adult classes in August at the Primary Care & Hope Clinic.

4-H Update

>Congress had 4 delegates.
>Animal Science Day Camp had 13 participants for the wildlife themed camp over spring break.
>Held On My Own program at Siegel High School with approximately 300 students.
>Archery Jamboree had 25 participants.
>Junior High Camp had 6 participants.
>Honor Club Lock In had 17 participants.
>Regional Horse Show had 20 participants.
>Academic Conference had one delegate chosen from our county to participate.

>The Rutherford County 4-H Livestock Show will be held with Cannon County here at our facility. There will be 27 4-H'ers showing goats, sheep and beef cattle.
>Junior Camp has 116 participants that will be leaving for camp June 22.
>Rutherford County 4-H will be hosting Montana 4-H'ers this summer with our Exchange Trip program.