

**EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2019**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Daryl Weist	Olga Gonzalez	Sean Short
Larry Hooker	Erin Mathews	Pat Kindvall
Amy Cooksey	Josh Docheff	Ron Marshall
Keith Maxey	Michelle Langston-Minutes	Brad Walker

ABSENT:

Commissioner Scott James	Gary Schaneman
Gail Fiolkoski	Lori Stevens

Chair Daryl Wiest welcomed the group and called the meeting of the Weld County Extension Advisory Council to order at 12:08 p.m. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2019 meeting as written. Motion passed. Olga Gonzalez, representing Family and Consumer Sciences, and Erin Mathews, representing Energy were welcomed as new Council members. Kendyl Berger was introduced as the new Weld County Fair Coordinator.

Larry Hooker, Extension Agent, 4-H and Livestock, gave an update on the programs he is involved with. His position is 50% youth livestock and 50% adult livestock. He explained the current method of permanent identification used for beef, sheep, and goats – retinal imaging, and that he is looking into purchasing a new scanner. However, there has been discussion on the state level about using DNA instead of retinal scans for permanent identification. That decision should be made soon. For adult programming, Larry is networking with the Weld County Livestock Association and doing farm visits. He has partnered with the Colorado Farm Show to help with some livestock seminars. In 2020 he will have a smaller breed seminar (swine, poultry, etc.). He is also working with the Belk Model in Longmont; a small school farm working with disabled adults to teach them about livestock, gain skills with working with livestock and farming, and help get them integrated into the communities.

Keith gave the Extension Director's update. Going into 2020, we are fully staffed. FCS Agent Amber Webb will be back in the office starting Monday, December 23rd. She has been out on maternity leave. The county budget has been approved. All positions on the Extension Advisory Council are full.

For unfinished business, the proposed bylaw amendment was presented. It was moved and seconded to amend our bylaws by changing the "media" representative position to one for "energy." Motion passed.

For new business, Keith proposed that Extension conduct a community needs assessment. One was last done in 2016. After discussion, it was agreed that this will be the main item of business for our February meeting.

For the Council's next meeting, Keith asked to move it to February 27th as he will be out of the office on February 20th. It was moved and seconded to move the February meeting to the 27th. Motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.