

**EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2019**

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Amy Cooksey | Gail Fiolkoski |
| Commissioner Scott James | Sean Short |
| Gary Schaneman | Pat Kindvall |
| Lori Stevens | Jenn Eastwood – County Fair Program Update |
| Cindy Nosko-Minutes | |

ABSENT:

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| Ron Marshall | Deanna Herbert |
| Brad Walker | Daryl Weist |
| Keith Maxey | |

Vice-Chair Amy Cooksey welcomed the group and called the meeting of the Weld County Extension Advisory Council to order at 12:00 p.m. Minutes from the April 18, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

Jenn Eastwood, Fair Coordinator, gave an update on the Weld County Fair. Last year there were 45,255 people who attended the event, with 1,460 exhibitors and 4,384 exhibits presented. Sharon Carbaugh has been hired to do data entry, processing entries and results for the fair. This year we will have someone serve as the Volunteer Coordinator. Her name is Cheryl Muger and she will be handling coordination of all volunteer activities this year. This year we decided to make the fair book available online and only print a minimum number of copies. You can access the fair book on your computer or mobile device. In addition to all the shows, some of our events include the Longs Peak Antique Tractor Association Show, West Vette Fest, Northern Colorado Draft Horse Association Show, Fair Parade, Young Guns, and the free fair BBQ. We are also working on restructuring the Fair Board for next year. We currently have a 21-member board and we are proposing to make it a seven-member board and at the same time increasing the responsibilities of committees. The goal is to have the restructuring complete and the new board selected and installed by October 1 this year.

Jenn spoke on Keith's behalf about the Media position on the council. Is this a necessary position since Extension has access to media & communication services through Jennifer Finch, Weld County's Communications Director? Options to consider are to either eliminate this position on the Council, or to reclassify it to represent another program area or sector of our community. One idea was to replace it with some one with a focus on nutrition. The Council decided to table the discussion until Keith's return.

Commissioner Scott James gave his update, with his focus on the County's response to SB-181 and the potential impact on the Oil and Gas Industry. This legislation delegates authority over oil and gas permitting from the state to local governments which allows Weld County to maintain local control over mineral resources in unincorporated Weld County. The designation being considered not only impacts energy but Weld County as a whole. The Board of County

Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution officially accepting the local control SB-181 was promoting. The County will take that authority and will continue to support the vitality of the oil & gas industry in Weld County. Commissioner James also touched on the railroad road closure issues. The County is still in touch with the Railroad and CDOT.

No new business was brought to the table

The next meeting of the Advisory Council is scheduled for August 15th at 12:00 noon. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.