

**EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2020**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Schaneman	Olga Gonzalez	Keith Maxey
Commissioner Mike Freeman	Lori Stevens	Ron Marshall
Erin Matthews	Sean Short	Pat Kindvall
Josh Docheff	Gale Fiolkoski	Jenette Masarie
Cindy Nosko - Minutes	Shaley Dehner	

ABSENT:

Amy Cooksey	Sean Short	Daryl Wiest
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In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, Keith Maxey welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2020 meeting as written. Motion passed.

Jenette Masarie, Weld County Fair Coordinator gave a program update. Fair this year was not open to the public and there were no vendors or entertainment. It was strictly for 4-H and FFA competitive events. There were 654 exhibitors with about 3000 exhibits. The Junior Livestock Sale was better than expected and grossed over one million dollars. The auction was both in-person and livestreamed so that people could also bid online. The swine show was held under a tent between the Exhibition and 4-H Buildings which turned out to be a big success. She is hoping things return to normal for the 2021 fair.

Keith gave the Director's report. Sheila Beckley was hired as the new Extension Agent for FCS and started work on August 3, 2020. Our Summer interns and Fair Data Entry Clerk employees have all completed their seasonal work for this year. A vacancy for a Crop Science representative still exists on the Advisory Council. CSU Extension is exploring a change from three to six regions in the State. Weld is currently in the Front Range Region which is not expected to change. Joann Powell, Front Range Region Director, will be retiring the end of August.

Keith also shared information on the current drought in Colorado. The drought monitor ([located at droughtmonitor.unl.edu](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)) shows the entire state of Colorado in some stage of drought. Much of Weld County is in the moderate drought stage.

Commissioner Freeman shared that the County continues to deal with issues related to COVID. The County's website has a new dashboard with more information on cases, hospitalization, etc. As school starts, they are monitoring the situation and making decisions to keep everyone safe. He expressed appreciation for all those who helped make this year's County Fair a success. Budgeting for 2021 is underway and will be challenging over the next few years given the impacts of COVID on the economy, but he expects Weld to hold up well.

Keith shared that the CSU Extension statewide needs assessment is underway with the initial perceptions survey ongoing until the end of August.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15th. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.