

**EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rick Bowen	Commissioner Perry Buck
Amy Cooksey	Shaley Dehner
Josh Docheff	Larry Hooker
Pat Kindvall	Michelle Langston
Jenette Mazarie	William Nelson
Cindy Nosko-Minutes	William Owsley
Patrick Pulis	Gary Schaneman
Mike Schwan-Virtual	Sean Short-Virtual
Lori Stevens	Hanna Swanbom

ABSENT:

Ron Marshall	Erin Matthews
Daryl Wiest	

Amy Cooksey welcomed the group and called the meeting of the Weld County Extension Advisory Council to order at 12: 05 pm. The minutes were approved by Gary and seconded by Lori.

Hannah gave the Director's report. To start off there are a couple of new individuals to the Extension Advisory Council Rick Bowen, At-Large and Mike Schwan, Family and Consumer Science. Everyone went around and introduced themselves. Mike is replacing Olga on the council, and Daryl and Ron have termed out. There is still one more position to fill on the council.

Hannah and Larry then passed out the final community assessment that has been in progress. From 2020-21, Extension staff and the community embarked on a year-long, formal community needs assessment process. The overarching goal was to tell the story of our communities and Extension's role more fully in the communities. Each office determined the set of issues for which it could have the greatest community impact, considering both the needs and assets that are brought to the table alongside regional and state partners.

Working on the Agronomy position, waiting on CSU. The person will be housed at the Extension Office and ½ their time will be spent here and ½ time spent in Washington County. The interview process will be starting in April. We also have a brand-new hire; her name is Cheryl Aragon and she will be in the admin assistant/Fair and is located up front. She worked with the City of Greeley as a Deputy Clerk for the last 31 years and retired and is now working here. She will be working 20 hours a week, then will go full time May through August. We are hiring a data entry clerk for the fair, first go round failed so posted again, it's a seasonal summer position which would start April/May.

We will also be hiring for the Master Gardener position as Sunshine left us the end of January. She is now working at the state office doing the Master Gardener stuff. The position will be 25 hours a week. Program is growing so was able to increase the hours. Beginning to ramp up for camper reservations which opens up in mid-March and will be online this year.

Commissioner Buck gave the Commissioner's report. She is the new liaison for the Extension office. She is a 3rd generation Weld County kid. Her father owned Webster Feedlots, that had about 25,000 head of cattle. It was a custom feeding cattle operation. She grew up watching him and grow with the

National Cattlemen's Association. She realized that Agriculture are the best people and are the salt of the earth. She as the Commissioner will do everything she can to protect and preserve agriculture and is thrilled to be a part of Extension.

An election of officers was held. Pat moved to elect Amy Cooksey as chair and Gary Schaneman as Co-Chair. Motion was approved.

With no further business or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on April 21st at noon at the Extension Office.