



**Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District (MCE4H)
Meeting Minutes – May 2nd, 2023**

**JOINT SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING AND DISTRICT
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting Notes

1. Convene Joint Service District Board Meeting and FY 2022-23 Budget Committee Meeting

The joint meeting of the Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District (MCE4H) and District Budget Committee was called to order by Director Colm Willis at 3:00 pm. Introductions were made.

2. Note Attendance

Budget Committee Members: Commissioner Colm Willis, MCE4H Director; Commissioner Danielle Bethell, MCE4H Director; Commissioner Kevin Cameron; MCE4H Director; Dana Castano, Community Member; Dylan Wells, Community Member

Other Attendees: Chris Epley, MC Community Services Director and MCE4H Budget Officer; Laura McClellan, MC Community Services; Richard Riggs, OSU Extension Regional Director; Elvira Alvarez, OSU Extension Marion County Office Manager; Ryan Thompson, OSU Extension 4-H; Scott Norris, MC Legal Council

Virtual Attendees: Amy Goulter-Allen, Community Member

3. Recess MCE4H District Budget Committee Meeting

The District Budget Committee Meeting was recessed by Director Willis at 3:01PM.

4. District Board Business

4.1. Consider approving minutes from December 14th, 2022.

Director Bethell wanted clarification on whether any effort has been made from when she gave direction as stated in the December 14th, 2022 minutes for a joint meeting with the Yamhill County Commissioners to discuss Yamhill County's Extension Service. Chris Epley stated that there was effort to contact Domaine Willamette and was informed that they did not have a room large enough to hold 20 people. Director Bethell asked for information on who was contacted. Laura McClellan informed Director Bethell that she asked Shawnnell Fuentes from the Board of Commissioner's Office for direction and Shawnnell contacted Domaine Willamette and was informed that they do not have a room large enough to accommodate approximately 25 people at this time. Laura disclosed that she was informed that a room is currently in



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construction and that there was consideration for the scheduled October 26th, 2023 meeting to be held at Domaine Willamette if the room is finished. Director Bethell stated she does not want the location to be a hinderance to prevent this meeting and that she will follow up with Bill Cross.

MOTION: Director Cameron made a motion to approve the December 14, 2022 District Board Meeting minutes as presented. Director Bethell seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

4.2. Consider approving minutes from March 23rd, 2023.

Director Bethell asked the OSU extension directors if they read the meeting minutes provided as she has previously articulated that it is a disservice to the community that OSU Extension programs for the youth are heavily based in the Salem-Keizer School District. Director Bethell has not been presented with or seen any formal effort on expanding services outside of the Salem-Keizer School District. Richard Riggs communicated that he has brought Ryan Thompson today to present what is currently done outside of the Salem-Keizer School District. Richard stated that due to Director Bethell's proposal at the previous meeting, a position was created to increase their work outside of the Salem-Keizer School District in the 2023-2024 budget. Director Bethell corrected that she did not propose, she asked for information, however Director Bethell stated she will be happy to review that in the budget.

Motion: Director Cameron made a motion to approve the March 23rd, 2023 District Board Meeting minutes as presented. Director Bethell seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

4.3. Consider Appointing Dana Castano to the District Budget Committee

MOTION: Director Bethell made a motion to appoint Dana Castano to the Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District Budget Committee Board. Director Cameron seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

5. Adjourn District Meeting and Reconvene District Budget Committee Meeting

Director Willis adjourned the District Board meeting at 3:07 PM and re-convened the District Budget Committee meeting at 3:08 PM.



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MARION COUNTY EXTENSION and 4-H SERVICE DISTRICT

Colm Willis 6/22/23
Chair, Colm Willis Date

Kevin Cameron 6/22/2023
Director, Kevin Cameron Date

Danielle Bethell 6/22/23
Director, Danielle Bethell Date

Orig: Clerk

Cc: Board of Commissioners – MCE4HSD
Community Services