



Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District (MCE4H) Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2023

SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING

The meeting of the Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District (MCE4H) was called to order by Director Kevin Cameron at 3:07p.m. Introductions were made.

Attending: Commissioner Colm Willis, MCE4H Director; Commissioner Danielle Bethell, MCE4H Director; Commissioner Kevin Cameron, MCE4H Director; Scott Norris, MC Legal Counsel; Jessica Stanton, MC Board's Office; Chris Eppley, MC Community Services Director and MCE4H Budget Officer; Laura McClellan, MC Community Services; Elvira Alvarez, OSU Extension Director; Dana Castano, Volunteer; Richard Riggs, OSU Extension Regional Director; Ryan Kinnett, Mid Valley Soccer Club.

Attending Virtually:

No virtual attendees

District Minutes

The minutes from 12/14/2022 were presented for approval and signature. Commissioner Willis noted a date that needed to be changed in the minutes. Chris Eppley stated the date would be fixed and presented at a later date for approval.

Motion: A motion was made to remove the 12/14/2022 meeting minutes from the agenda. **MOTION PASSED**

Fiscal Updates

Chris Eppley provided an update that property tax revenue is coming in more than was originally budgeted for but less than what was estimated by the assessor's office. All other expenses and revenue is as expected.

Chris Eppley recommended that the Board approve the attached Resolution authorizing a transfer of \$136,875 from the Contingency line item to the Unappropriated Ending Fund balance Capital line item. This transfer was adopted by the MCE4H Governing body during the FY 2022-23 budget process. This is for the purpose of saving resources for a potential future building project for Marion County OSU Extension Service as they are currently renting a space at the Oregon Farm Bureau.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the transfer of \$136,875 from the Contingency line item to the Unappropriated Ending Fund balance Capital line item. **MOTION PASSED.**

Chris Eppley presented the anticipated budget schedule for the year as well as a recommended budget as a draft of what will be presented in the future upcoming budget meeting.

Director Willis asked for clarification on both budgets that state Contracted Services. Chris Eppley explained the differences and conversation ensued.



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Chris Eppley presented the application for Dana Castano as her term as a Marion County Extension and 4H budget committee member ended in June 2022 and the position was posted. Dana Castano was the only applicant for the position. It is recommended the Directors review the application and it was stated an order would be presented in a future meeting to sign. Dana made a small presentation about why she is interested in Marion County Extension and 4H Service District.

Soccer Grant Program Report

Chris Eppley presented a report stating that Capitol Futbol has requested all their funds and the Mid Valley Soccer Club is almost fully expended in this grant. Ryan explained the program and how these funds are used. Ryan gave some examples on how it has helped their program as well as challenges they face. Discussion ensued about the program. Directed Bethel stated she would like a report of the demographic of who receives these funds. Director Willis asked Chris Eppley if he could reach out to Capitol Futbol to get some clarification on the fees. Director Willis asked Ryan Kinnett that if they were to receive the grant again if they could continue this program. Ryan Kinnett confirmed that they can and that he believes demand will also increase for the program. Chris Eppley asked for direction on extending the Soccer Grant. Conversation evolved on how to make the grant more accessible if funds were increased. Director Bethel stated she has no issues continuing the program and conversation started how to help soccer grant recipients with the Youth Wage Grant in order to fund what is not covered by the soccer grant. Conversation ensued on how this can be done.

Youth Wage Grant Update

Chris Eppley asked for direction in extending the Youth Wage Grant Contract. Director Bethel stated they were exploring ways to get the Marion County Fair interns and wondered if there was a way to tie this to recipients of the soccer grants. Conversation proceeded on how this can be done. Chris Eppley received direction to continue the program.

OSU Extension Service: Program Update

Chris Eppley introduced Elvira Alvarez as the new OSU Extension Director, taking over Mark Chien. Director Bethell expressed interest expanding the OSU Extension Service program out of the Salem/Keizer District. Director Bethell would like the program to reach out more into the rural communities.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:04pm.



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Danielle Bethell *5-4-23*

Chair, Danielle Bethell

Date

Kevin Cameron *5-3-23*

Director, ~~Colm Willis~~ *Kevin Cameron*

Date

Colm Willis *5/4/23*

Director, ~~Kevin Cameron~~ *Colm Willis*

Date

Orig: Clerk

Cc: Board of Commissioners – MCE4HSD
Community Services