

Extension Leadership Council

Frederick County

July 6, 2022

The Frederick County Extension Leadership Council (ELC) met on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at the Frederick County Government Center, Winchester, VA. The following were present: Heather McKay, Rose McDonald, Keighley Gore, Bob Meadows, Mark Sutphin, Joanne Royaltey, Cynthia Fairbanks, Vanessa Santiago, and Marsha Wright.

Heather McKay, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Sharon Mauzy, possible new Red Bud District member, attended the meeting also. Heather had everyone introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Bob Meadows made a motion that the April 6, 2022 minutes be approved. Rose McDonald seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Extension from Your Viewpoint

- Discussion of 4-H Congress and a time capsule from 1997.
- Discussion of 4-H Horse Camp.

What's Happening in Winchester and Frederick County

- Discussion of outreach to homeschools.
- Discussion of 4-H booth at the Fair for families and children.

2022 Board of Supervisors Event

- Discussion of 2022 Extension Highlight Event with Board of Supervisors.
- ELC Chair stated it was a good event and thanked everyone for their efforts to make it a success.

State and Local Budget Updates

- VCE Director Retirement**
 - Dr. Jones will be retiring. There are four candidates currently in the interview process.
 - Chris Bergh, Tree Fruit Entomology Specialist, and Tony Wolf, Viticulture Specialist, both from the Winchester AREC, have retired. The Tree Fruit Entomology Specialist, Dr. Kevin Rice, will start August 10 and also serve as the new AHS AREC Director.
- Vacancies: Frederick County 4-H Position; Frederick County SNAP-Ed Position**
 - Our new 4-H Extension Agent, Spring Vasey, will begin July 25 which is Fair week.
 - Anticipate posting the SNAP-Ed position in the Fall.
- FY23 Budget Updates (City of Winchester, County, State)**
 - City continued their support of the Consumer Horticulture and Invasive Species Program Associate position. The County also fully supported Extension's county operating budget.
 - The information on State budget hasn't been released yet.
- Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission Staffing Resolution for Positions Unfunded by State Dollars in NSV:**
 - Following the ELC/Board of Supervisors' dinner event and conversations, Board of Supervisor Dunn suggested taking a staffing resolution to the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission.
 - The ELC created and discussed a possible resolution and suggested changes.

- It was suggested for Mark to take the resolution to the County Administrator for review and suggestions.
- Bob made the motion for the Frederick County Extension Leadership Council to support the staffing resolution requested by Mr. Dunn. Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vacant ELC Positions

The following ELC nominations will be voted on at the next Board of Supervisors' meeting:

- Redbud District – Sharon Mauzy to fill Jerry Fout's unexpired term.
- Stonewall District – John D. Cline to fill Laura Loving's expired term.
- Member-At-Large – Grettel Vargas to fill Judy Wolfrey's unexpired term.
- Winchester At-Large – This position is still vacant.

2022 Action Items (Funding Committee and Marketing Committee Updates)

- Marketing Committee:
This committee has not met since the Board of Supervisors' Event. Heather will send out some dates to the committee to meet in July.
- Funding Committee:
This committee has not met recently but will be looking to work with the staffing resolution efforts.

Programming Update: Vanessa Santiago

Vanessa gave a review of FCS food, nutrition, and health programming in the Northern Shenandoah Valley. She spoke on the Diabetes Prevention and Chronic Disease Management programs that she teaches to people across the state. She is also a part of a state team that created the Buzz, Body & Bites monthly newsletter for "actively aging adults".

Other

The next ELC meeting will be October 5, 2022, 12:00 noon, Conference Room, at MidAtlantic Farm Credit.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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