

Extension Leadership Council

Frederick County

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: First Floor Conference Room – Frederick County Government Building
107 N. Kent St., Winchester, VA 22601

Attendees: ELC Members – Rose McDonald, Sharon Mauzy, Brandon Monk, Dody Stottlemeyer, Bob Meadows, Keighley Gore, John Jewel
VCE - Mark Sutphin, Marsha Wright, Joanne Royaltey, Kelsey Kline - FCS Extension Agent-SNAP-Ed.
Visitor – Emily Roy

Keighley Gore, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Brandon Monk moved to approve minutes from the May 1, 2024 meeting, Dody Stottlemeyer seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Frederick County Public Schools Work-Based Learning Presentation

Emily Roy, Frederick County Public Schools employee, gave a presentation on an upcoming program to provide fresh produce to students. ELC members provided Emily with positive comments and suggestions and voiced some concerns for her to work on.

Extension from Your Viewpoint (offered by Staff and ELC members)

- An ELC member had been a 4-H Camp volunteer this year. He stated camp was very well organized and a positive environment for everyone. He wrote letters to Spring Vasey and Meagan Dyer, 4-H Extension Agents, to let them know it had been a great week and well planned.
- ELC member reported Frederick County 4-Hers had participated in National Shooting and National Trap Shooting competitions and had done a great job. One individual placed second in National Shooting, and we had the National Junior Team at the National Trap Shooting event. Frederick County had members on the Virginia Horse Team which competed in Perry, GA, and placed as the National Horse Judging Team.
- ELC member reported that the Frederick County Fair had been a busy week, and participation was good. State Fair is coming up in Lexington.
- Mark Sutphin stated that we had two great Summer Interns this year; Ellie Vincent and Quinna Molden who are both attending Kansas State University. He also mentioned that Farm Service Agency had drought assistance program for farmers.

What's Happening in Winchester and Frederick County

- Emily Roy mentioned a Community Partner Form is being developed.
- Need 4-H in the schools and flyers to promote 4-H and exhibiting items at the fair.
- Have handouts at World of Works.
- ELC Member stated there were two Comprehensive Plan meetings coming up regarding the Land Use Plan and possible developments for the western part of the county.
- ELC Member stated a Blood Drive would be held August 9 at Gore's Meats if anyone wanted to participate.

State and Local Budget Updates

- Current Local Vacancies
 - Hannah Copp, our FCS Extension Agent, resigned in June. The vacant position has been advertised.
 - Kim Costa, Family Nutrition Program Assistant-EFNEP & SNAP-Ed., resigned. The position is funded by Federal SNAP grant. Funding won't be reposted until Fall 2025.

- FY25 Budget Cycle

- We received the funds requested from the County and the City of Winchester for FY25; the State budget was flat for Extension Agency 229.
- An ELC member is working on setting up a meeting with VCE administration and ELC members to discuss budget and past hiring requests.

Committee Updates

- Funding Committee: n/a

- Marketing Committee:

- Had an educational booth at the Frederick County Fair.
- Extension Spotlight Event: Mark has spoken to County Administration about a work session with the Board of Supervisors. He was given possible dates of October 9 or 23 or November 13. Keighley will take the dates to the committee to decide on a meeting date.
- ELC/VCE will have an educational booth at WOW scheduled for October 11th at Wilkins Auditorium at Shenandoah College. Five counties bring their eighth graders to the event; approximately 3,000 students attend.

Extension Programming Highlight

- Kelsey Kline, Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences-SNAP-Ed., was the Extension speaker. Kelsey is housed in Shenandoah County and serves the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, Warren, Culpeper, Rappahannock, Madison, Fauquier, and Orange.
- Kelsey's presentation was about the SNAP-Ed. program and what her responsibilities were.

Other

- Mark Sutphin stated that on August 19, 1:00 p.m., at the Alson H. Smith, Jr. Agricultural Research & Extension Center there would be a 100 year celebration with local and state elected officials attending if anyone wanted to attend.

The next meeting will be November 6, 12:00 noon, at Horizon Farm Credit.

Brandon Monk made the motion for the meeting to adjourn. Dody Stottlemeyer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Wright
Administrative & Fiscal Assistant

2024 Meeting Dates:

November 6 – 12:00 noon, Farm Credit