

**Extension Leadership Council**  
*Frederick County*

**Date:** Wednesday, May 1, 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 - Brandon Monk, Allison White, Dody Stottlemeyer, Heather McKay, Bob Meadows, and Keighley Gore  
VCE - Mark Sutphin, Spring Vasey, and Hannah Copp

Keighley Gore, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. We went around introducing ourselves.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Dody Stottlemeyer moved to approve minutes from the February 7, 2024 meeting, Brandon Monk seconded, and the minutes were approved.

**Extension Programming Highlight** – Bobby Clark (virtual)

Bobby Clark shared three main programming highlights:

- Slug Management in No Till
- GRAZE 300 VA
- Management of Animal Mortalities in Catastrophic Situations

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

- ELC member brought up staffing and funding for discussion.
  - Believes there is a legislative need to get more federal/state dollars for VCE to fix local funded positions and vacant positions.
  - Brandon Monk moved for a sub-committee of the Frederick ELC to reach out to state senators and delegates for discussion regarding NSV positions and funding. Dody Stottlemeyer seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
  - Committee members will be Brandon Monk, Dody Stottlemeyer, Bob Meadows, and Keighley Gore.
- Mark Sutphin mentioned EMG highlights provided by Joanne Royaltey and noted upcoming GardenFest, June 1, at Belle Grove.
- ELC member discussed VT CALS ANR Summit.

**What's Happening in Winchester and Frederick County**

- ELC member mentioned possible partnering with Frederick County Public Schools for food safety training.
  - Hannah Copp shared that she has sent out her ServSafe classes to all the public school's nutrition directors in Planning District 7 (PD7).
- Frederick County Fair is coming up: July 29-August 3 <https://www.frederickcountyfair.com/>
- World of Works (WOW) event at Shenandoah University will be Friday, October 11 this year <https://www.explorefrederickcareers.com/partnerships/wow>

**ELC Positions: Newly Renewed/Appointed Members and Soon to Expire Terms**

- Grettel Vargus was recently reappointed to a new 4-year term.

### **State and Local Budget Updates**

- Civil Rights Module was completed by all ELC members who were present. This is a requirement for all VCE volunteers.

### **2024 Action Items (Committee Updates)**

- **Funding Committee:**
  - Working to create a meeting with state elected officials in an attempt to get more state/federal dollars.
  - Farm Bureau discussion updates.
- **Marketing Committee:**
  - Planning for the Frederick County Fair and for WOW. They will update us about how ELC members can help at these two events.
  - Extension Spotlight Event postponed to the fall 2024

### **Other**

- ELC member discussed Farm Explorer Passport:
  - A passport to support exploration of local farmer's markets. There are adult and children's options.
  - Maybe next year VCE can partner more with this initiative to add in some educational components.
- ELC member discussed Apple Industry Video:
  - Years ago, VCE created a video on the apple production industry in Frederick County.
  - Apple Blossom, schools, and other venues are suggesting a shorter, age appropriate version would be helpful to use to educate youth and community at Apple Blossom Festival.
  - Mentioned that this may be a good job for 4-H youth/summer interns, and there may be grants available. [https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/pubs\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/en/SPES/spes-405/spes-405.html](https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/pubs_ext_vt_edu/en/SPES/spes-405/spes-405.html)
- VCE NSV Annual Report was discussed and ideas were suggested to market on social media.
  - Annual Reports were passed out to all members present.

The next meeting will be August 7, 6:30 p.m., at the Frederick County Government Building.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Copp  
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### **2024 Meeting Dates:**

August 7 – 6:30 p.m., Frederick County Government Building  
November 6 – 12:00 noon, Farm Credit