

May 13, 2021 3:30pm

Minutes for Zoom Meeting for Extension Budget Committee

Present: Don Wiley, Ed Winkler, Rob Guttridge, Rob Kappa, Cheryl Keithan, Leah Sundquist, Jan Williams, and Pamela Whitten.

Leah sent the committee the final script for the upcoming May 24th county budget approval meeting. She will confirm that the meeting will be held at the Commissioners Meeting Room in the PSB instead of the usual DSB conference room on the first floor. Plan to arrive about 12:40 for a 1:00pm meeting. Our portion of the meeting usually lasts about 15 minutes to include the committee's scripted request for budget approval along with Leah's budget presentation for the coming year, Extension accomplishments for the past year and time for public input.

Jan mentioned that we may need to have proof of vaccinations in order to attend the meeting with commissioners. She suggested that we take a picture of our vaccination receipts on our phones for quick access. Also, be sure to bring a mask.

The Board of County Commissioners has two new members this year. Tootie Smith is the new Chair and Mark Shull is starting his first year. Other commissioners are Paul Savas, Sonia Fischer, and Martha Schrader. Commissioners will receive the presentation and intro letter ahead of the meeting.

As Extension county liaison, Leah has been attending meetings with county officials concerning the new building to be called the Extension Education Center. She has learned that the county is saving the corner of Beaver Creek Rd and Warner Milne site (with the wetland) for us to build on once the economy stabilizes after COVID and local disasters are dealt with. Clackamas County staff will determine the scope (size) of the building once it is decided if Clack Co. will need a portion of the building for their staffing. So, the building may get larger or smaller depending on how much the county is planning to participate after construction.

Unfortunately, building costs continue to increase. The price of wood alone has gone up 375% in the last year. More avenues of funding will need to be researched such as the connections that Leah is making with the OSU Foundation and planning for private fundraising.

Rob K. thanked Leah for her many hours of service getting everything lined up for the budget meeting. Unfortunately, there isn't much we can do to share the burdens and problem solving that she deals with on a daily basis.

Ed Winkler, Chair, asked for a quick run-through of the script so we are all clear about our responsibilities at the meeting.

Good news! Leah and Jan reported that there will be some kind of in-person 4-H fair at the fairgrounds this summer! Decisions about allowing the public to be involved will be firmed up as info is received in early summer about State and Federal COVID restrictions after June 10.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Cheryl Keithan, Secretary