

## Board Meeting-July 31, 2023 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Betty Scott, Donna Dickson-Noonan, Diane Frances, Gary Orton, Danielle Hautaniemi, Andrea Balcom, Donna Jones, Carol Ann Michalski, Carolyn Scobie, Marilyn Wyman, Emily Roach, Stacey Young, Carla Crim, Corrine Tompkins, April Wright Lucas, Paul Cersoletti, Dale Dewing, Thomas Hinkley

Betty called meeting to order at 5:37pm.

### \*Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Donna Jones

Second: Carol Ann Michalski

All in favor: 5:39 pm

### \*Approval of Minutes

Motion: Donna Jones

Second: Diane Frances

All in favor: 5:40 pm

### \*Approve level funding for 2024 EFNEP budget

Motion: Diane France

Second: Carol Ann Michalski

All in favor: 5:44pm

### \*Approve Garrison Farm and Peaceful Valley Farm for Enhancement Grant

Motion: Donna Dickson-Noonan

Second: Andrea Balcom

All in favor: 5:47

Paul presented for April Wright Lucas going to National Association of County Agricultural Agents Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Des Moines, IA. \*Notation, Travel Policy needs to be addressed and updated.

Motion to cover any additional costs not covered by WAC: Carol Ann Michaelski

Second: Carolyn Scobie

All in favor: 6:03pm

## Board Approval and Adoption of updated Sexual Harassment Policy

Motion: Donna Jones

Second: Gary Orton

All in favor 6:06pm

Marilyn's discussion of events: Board has had great communication, all committees have been meeting and communicating well. HE Team has needed a lot of help, Ashely Silano-Moore starting should alleviate and create a support structure for HE. 4-H has been putting out high quality work even under immense pressures. Ag-additional conversations need to be had about Ag at the Hamden office. WAC is moving forward well under new requirements. Administration is strong and trying but needs support. Carla has been putting out the Extension Connection. Association promoted and supported Health Delaware which was a great success.

Betty: Mandeep's return to be 8/10. Emily, Dale, and Betty will meet to help create a plan to guide Mandeep's return and acclimation to fair week. 1,079 people and 400 animals were seen at the IRT event. \*Comment from Carol Ann - in future please reach out to board if additional support is needed at events, for tabling support etc\*

Gary and Tom: Not glossing over but Finance Meeting showed we had more to do than initially thought. Finance needs help.

Ag: Updates about fair and what will be happening. The open position needs definition and WAC guidelines/boundaries create complications for leadership. Is Regional Team an option? Danielle H - it'd be 2-3 years out before could happen and we'd have no local say in position.

4-H: Very busy with fair upcoming and ending of camp. Camp great success and great year.

HE: Ashely starting. Looking for help from Rural Healthcare Alliance to orient her to RHA.

Danielle-leadership change, Chris Walkins no longer director. It will be a huge search for replacement.

County - July meeting was quiet. County is debt free. NYS no longer reimbursing for Medicaid. IRT event great success.

Motion to move to Executive Session for personnel and legal matters: Donna Jones

Second: Carolyn Scobie

All in favor: 7:14pm