



## **Coshocton County Ohio State University Extension Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, June 5, 2008

**Members Present:** Analea Davis, Ray Griffith, Neal Heilman, Nate McNeal, Kelly Miller, Christy Nicely, Sarah Jane Lindsey, Marissa Mullett, Jim Overholt, and Larry Stahl.

**Guests:** Paul and Kathy Golden, Joy Padgett, & Steve Mercer

**Excused Absences:** John Kehn, Larry Endsley, Michelle Darner, Gary Fischer, and Dane Shryock

### **Meeting Proceedings:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Nate McNeal.

Paul Golden was recognized by Joy Padgett for his many years of service to the people of Coshocton County.

Larry Stahl moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Christy Nicely seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sarah Jane Lindsey gave a budget update. The Coshocton County OSUE office's budget is on track for this year. The OSUE Business Office is projecting that the cost share for county educators will increase this year. The first educator will cost the county \$750 and the second educator will cost \$1500 above last year's cost share.

The president asked for feedback on the committee's annual luncheon/meeting held on Friday, March 28 at the Roscoe United Methodist Church. Some feedback comments included: good food, sufficient length, thanks to Kelly Miller, Suzanne Shrimplin, and Farm Credit Services for sponsoring the event, and great representation from elected officials. Nate McNeal volunteered students from the Alternative School to help set-up/tear-down for next year's event - contact Nate before next year's event to arrange this.

Jim Overholt gave a brief update on the Jr. Fair Office renovations and thanked Farm Credit for its financial contribution to the project.

Steve Mercer gave an update on the PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development) Conference he attended in Washington D.C. This is an annual, three-day conference that attracts Extension educators, community leaders, extension advisory committee members, etc. to the nation's capitol to learn about OSUE efforts on a large scale. The participants visited with legislators (including George Voinovich, Sherrod Brown, and Zach Space). They learned that Extension must change with time to remain competitive. Steve is encouraging Coshocton County to host a Congressional Assistant's tour in August to show some county-level OSUE work. The date being considered is August 4.

Larry Stahl gave a brief update from a local Farm Bureau Policy meeting. He announced that the most important issue the meeting participants identified is the closure of the North Appalachian Experimental Watershed (a local research station supported by Ohio State University and the USDA). Larry encouraged attendees to write letters to senators asking them to continue funding the station because it is a unique research facility. There are only two like it in the Eastern United States. It has a rich history, extensive research records, and is important to the agricultural industry.

Sarah Jane Lindsey informed the group that Ohio State President Gordon Gee will be in Coshocton County on Monday, June 9 to honor the Engle scholarship recipients.

Marissa Mullett provided meeting attendees with an outline agriculture/natural resources and community development programming she has recently carried through or is working on.

Sarah Jane Lindsey also provided an outline of her recent/current youth development (4-H) activities, camps, etc.

The next advisory meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4. It will be at 7 p.m. in the Jr. Fair Office/Arena.

Neal Heilman moved to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried – meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by Marissa Mullett on behalf of John Kehn