

Minutes
Agricultural Committee
University of Tennessee Carter County
Aug. 14, 2018 4:00 pm

Present: Chairman, Ross Garland, Charles Von Cannon, Shirley Buckles, Bobby Blevins, Mike Nidiffer, Vickie Clark, Emily Barton, Kathleen Wilson, Melissa Shelton

Ross Garland called the meeting to order. Roll was called; quorum was present. Bobby Blevins made the motion to approve the agenda. Shirley Buckles seconded. Approved by all.

The minutes from the May 8, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Ross asked for a motion from committee to approve these minutes. Charles Von Cannon made the motion to approve, it was seconded by Bobby Blevins and unanimously approved.

Public Comment/Recognition:

- Emily Barton has been selected for the Outstanding UT Extension Forestry Award in 2018. She will be receiving this award at the 2018 Tennessee Forestry Association (TFA) annual meeting in Johnson City, TN at the Carnegie Hotel on September 26-28, 2018. The committee congratulated Emily.
- The Carter County 4-H Forestry Judging Team competed at the National Competition in West Virginia.

Old Business:

Replacing broken window panes (32 panes) for the office was discussed. Still looking for another source to quote the project. Other repair/maintenance to the office space not completed was a sump pump or some method of dealing with water standing under the building. Ross Garland said he would follow up on both items.

New Business:

The 2018 budget was discussed. Ross Garland explained that the Budget was passed with a 2 cent/hr. raise for county employees. Vickie asked if that would be added to budget for UT Extension. Ross said he would look into it.

Program Updates:

Ag Program Update: Several events and classes are being planned

- Backyard Poultry, Sept. 6th at 6 pm at Farm Bureau
- Tennessee A Enhancement Program Meeting, Sept. 11 at 6:30 pm at Farm Bureau
- Beef Quality Assurance Training, Sept. 11 at 7:30 pm at Farm Bureau
- Progressive Agriculture farm Safety Day, Sept. 22 at 3 pm at Mike Nidiffer's Farm
- Beef Cattle Pregnancy Check Workshop, Nov. 3 at 1- am at Mike Nidiffer's Farm

- Master Small Ruminant, Fri. Nov. 9 at Carter County Farm Bureau and Nov. 10 at 8 am at Johnson County Farm Bureau
- Advanced Master Beef – Monday Nights, Nov. 12-Dec. 17 at 6:30 pm at Farm Bureau

FCS Program Update

- Skill UP Tennessee – working with low income SNAP recipients to help them enter job force. Teaching Job readiness classes with Red Legacy, Recovering Warriors, and Families Free
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Resource Fair at Library Sept.14, developing a Resource Booklet Empowering Grandparents
- Take Charge of Your Diabetes – a six session class being taught at Senior Center
- 2020 FCE State Conference – working with chairperson, Caroline Bales from Carter County to make arrangements to host in Eastern Region.
- FCE Fall Conference – Sept. 21 in Knoxville
- Billboards – two UT Extension billboards placed in Carter County with message: “Eat Healthy and They Will Too,” promoting parents modeling healthy eating.
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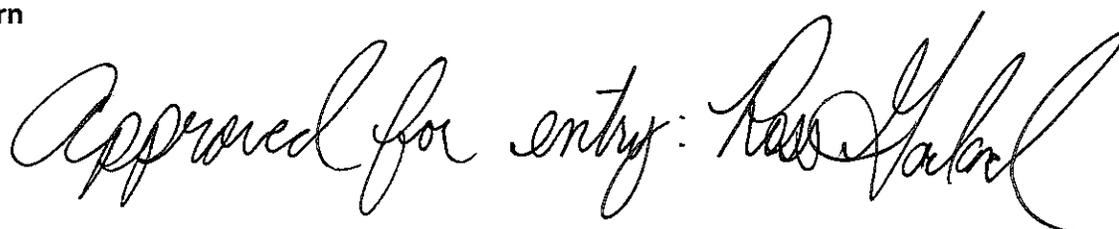
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- Practice has begun for 4-H Judging Teams in Life Skills, Forestry, and Poultry. Competition will be at the Tennessee Valley Fair in Knoxville on Sept. 8
- The Annual 4-H Enrollment Report has been completed. Carter County’s 4-H membership grew by over 250 members this past year.

Committee Comments: none

There being no further business, Mike Nidiffer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bobby Blevins seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

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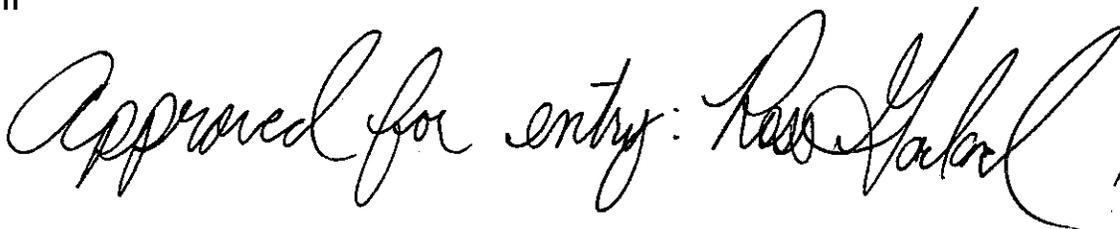
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