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**Extension Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**

March 3rd, 2021  
8am – 10:30 am virtually via Zoom\*

Join Zoom Meeting to be let into the waiting room  
<https://zoom.us/j/92311325191>

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\*If you are a member of the public and are interested in attending this meeting please register by emailing Andy Weakland (email above) for a link to the virtual meeting.

**AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT:
3. AGENDA REVIEW:
4. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:
5. DISCUSSION:
6. INFORMATION ITEMS: (10 minutes, highlights)
  - a) Upcoming Larimer Extension [classes and programs](#)
  - b) **4-H:** (Katie, Pam, Diane, Toby and Bailey)
    - o Successfully hired Bailey Schilling as our new Livestock Agent. Bailey started on 2/22!
    - o Enrollment as of 3/1/21: 686 members, including approved and in process. [Enroll online here!](#)

- Released [Virtual Livestock Field Day](#) to Larimer County. (Big kudos to our intern, Ashley Schilling, for her work on this project!) We will release statewide in 2 weeks.
  - Began holding in-person programming again on 2/16, primarily at The Ranch, with a few events in other locations. Agents are monitoring closely.
  - Held successful Beef Weigh Day 2/16, tagging 79 animals, which is comparable to a typical year.
  - Working with new Livestock Key Leaders to document 2021 educational plans and develop orientation resources as we move towards strengthening our 4-H livestock education program. We met in person as a group on 2/24 to work on these and introduce Bailey.
  - We have held two successful virtual Cloverbuds workshops (for 5-7 year old members) in January (Mindfulness with the CSU Center for Mindfulness) and February (Food & Nutrition with Amber Webb, FCS Agent). In late March, we will hold our first in-person Cloverbuds workshop, a STEM based workshop exploring sound with STEM Agent, Toby Swaford. [Register for the March workshop here!](#)
  - We are collecting registrations now for a virtual youth finance program adapted for youth from the All My Money curriculum by a Colorado state team with support from Canvas Credit Union. Those who register [here](#) by 3/14 will receive a free “spend, save, share” kit.
- c) **Horticulture and Farmers’ Market** (Alison & Emily):
- Farmers’ market applications are open until March 26 and 59 have been received so far, including 3 new farmers.
  - The farmers’ market will hopefully have an intern from CSU’s Extension Intern Program working with staff and faculty for the 2021 market; the project hasn’t been finalized, but will focus on the greater reach of farmers’ markets in the community.
  - ‘Tis the season to teach! The Front Range horticulture agents just scheduled a nine-week gardening series, taught every Friday at noon, starting March 19. Visit the [CO-Horts blog](#) for upcoming classes and to register. All gardening classes continue to be popular.
  - The Colorado Vegetable Guide, updated in 2020, has also been [translated into Spanish](#). The Yard and Garden website will have a link for all CSU Extension Spanish gardening resources.
  - ProGreen Expo, the Colorado Green Industry Conference, was held virtually February 22-25; there were 1,200 attendees. Alison taught several classes during the conference.
  - Green School (Colorado Master Gardener training/Colorado Gardener Certificate training) is halfway through the training season. There are 36 trainees from Larimer County, including the 10 Master Gardener apprentices from 2020.
- d) **Food & Nutrition** (Amber)
- Amber will be taking a training to start offering CSU’s Food Safety Works curriculum.
- e) **Ag & Natural Resources** (Karen):

- Native Plant Master Program - Began advertising the program and have received 23 applications, with the application deadline of April 2. With luck, we will hold four courses and four special classes. This will be the first year offering of an alpine class in RMNP!
- Radon Awareness - Taught two classes remotely with 35 attending the first class and 41 attending the second. A third class is scheduled for March 18. All participants receive a free short-term test kit mailed to them directly from the lab.
- Post-Wildfire Restoration on Private Lands - Two webinars, the first on seeding and the second on forest health. There were 231 registered.
- Cameron Peak Fire - There continues to be a great need for resources and guidance from folk impacted by the fire. I also have participated in the LC Long Term Recovery Group and the CSUE Emergency Management Collaborative.
- CSUE summer internships - I will mentor two students on two internship projects. One looks at how small mammals were affected by the Cameron Peak Fire, and the second on the recovery of native vegetation in plots within the burn area.

f) **Community Development (Sue & Lisa):**

- Sue and Lisa attended an eXtension intensive workshop in February to further develop the Mindful Engagement project concept and develop new partnerships. The project will include training FLTI alumni in methods of mindful action and supporting the integration of their training into their community work. A grant from Human Development and Family studies is supporting their work. Three input sessions with FLTI alumni will be held in March to gather input on what this training will look like
- The Market Days team was awarded funding of \$10,672 from the Larimer County Office on Aging for project coordination, supplies, and translation.
- Senior Access Points website redesign will begin soon. The Larimer County site will be refreshed and a SAP of Colorado landing page built. Sue developed a short survey with HDFS to assess what the needs are for an information hub across the state. Please share with caregivers, neighbors and friends - anyone who might have input on resource access. Here's the link to the online survey: [http://colostate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cCN2nLQaoeVhsq2](http://colostate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cCN2nLQaoeVhsq2)
- FLTI is working in partnership with Mi Voz to provide a 10 week civic engagement and leadership lab. Classes meet every other Monday evening. 1st class was 2/8 and runs through June.

g) **Board survey for the Board of County Commissioners (Andy)**

7. DISCUSSION: Strategic Guidance presentation
8. OTHER BUSINESS: Trends and issues you see in the community to share? Other items?
9. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: