

**STATE EXTENSION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 17, 2021**  
**Hosted by Kentucky State University**

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. EDT by President Ann Porter. She welcomed everyone to the 2021 Summer Meeting. She then introduced the officer team and asked them to make a few comments. Ann is your President and is from Mason County. Karen Hill is your Vice President and is from Henderson County. The current Secretary is Juan Pena from Shelby County. He is unable to be with us today due a family commitment so Karen will be taking minutes in his absence.

Ann thanked Kentucky State University for hosting us today and thanked everyone for attending. She mentioned that the work of this council includes three very important expectations. Those three things are 1) to provide feedback and guidance on Extension programs, priorities, policies, and procedures, 2) provide input to and review of program issues to help in development of Plans of Work and 3) to serve as an ambassador for communications/public relations for Kentucky Extension.

She then introduced Dr. Courtney Owens, Associate Extension Administrator for the Cooperative Extension Program in the College of Agriculture, Communities, and the Sciences at Kentucky State University. He gave a brief overview of the exhibits found in the foyer as well as current KSU Programs and upcoming events.

President Porter then introduced Dr. Noel Novelo, Assistant Professor of Aquaculture Genetics at KSU. He gave us an interesting overview of Aquaculture in Kentucky and directed us to go to the KSU Aquaculture YouTube page as well as the KSU Aquaculture website for additional information.

After a short break the program resumed with a presentation on Successful Kentucky Immunization. Dr. Allison Young, Associate Extension Professor and Program Leader for Family and Consumer Sciences at KSU and Ms. Nilima Mishra, State Specialist for Dietetics and Human Nutrition worked on this project with Dr. Young presenting their findings. This was great information and very timely.

Joining us next was Dr. Kirk Pomper, who is the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Communities, and the Sciences at Kentucky State University. He also provides leadership as Director of Research and Extension for the Land Grant Program. He reviewed programs in the College of Agriculture, Communities, and the Sciences. He said that the KSU Aquaculture program is in the top 5 in the United States. He also mentioned new grants that have been received and discussed work that is being done with those.

Next was a highlight of the summer State Extension Council Meeting where we recognized the Randall Barnett Award Winner. Each year we recognize one of our County Extension Councils for outstanding work. This award was created in 1997 in honor of Randall Barnett's efforts to strengthen our Extension Council system. We were delighted to have Dr. Barnett in attendance. He received his BS and MS degrees from the University of Kentucky and a PhD from North Carolina State University. Dr. Barnett started working for Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service as a 4-H agent in January 1958 and retired as Associate Dean in the College of Agriculture. President Porter thanked Dr. Barnett for all that he has done for our Extension program through the years. Dr. Barnett joined Mrs. Porter to present this award. The winning Council received \$500 plus a framed certificate for their local Extension office and in addition, an inscription of that county's name will be placed on a permanent plaque in the Office of the Associate Dean of Extension.

The 2021 winner of the Randall Barnett Award was Breathitt County. The Breathitt County Extension Council includes 27 members representing all districts of the county. Their membership is representative of all program areas in Extension as well as a broad cross-section of community agencies and partners. During the past two and a half years, the Council worked with the Breathitt County Extension District Board to expand and improve the parking area at the local office. This project increased the lot from 10 to 30 spaces and included construction of a raised bed garden for demonstration and educational purposes. The expanded outdoor space proved incredibly valuable during the pandemic and served as the distribution site for countless educational programs on the go, reaching hundreds of citizens. In addition, when severe flooding brought devastation to Breathitt County this spring, the space was utilized for distribution of bottled water, cleaning products and other key supplies. Teresa Combs, Council member from Breathitt County and Ty Back, Area Extension Director E5 & E6 accepted the award. Dr. Barnett made a few remarks about Extension and the commitment and involvement of its' volunteers. He said it takes everyone working together to make Extension work.

Next on the agenda was Dr. Laura Stephenson, Associate Dean and Director of Cooperative Extension at the University of Kentucky give us updates from UK. She gave a staffing update. Kim Henken is now the Director of Extension Engagement and Administrative Initiatives and will be working with this council. Beth Atkinson is the Director of Cooperative Extension Service Business Operations. David Herbst, who was the Area Director of W7 & W8 has retired so the search process has been started to fill that position. A great piece of news is that we are now hiring agents.

Dr. Nancy Cox, Vice President for Land Grant Engagement at the University of Kentucky and Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment joined us next. Dr. Cox said that Extension is strategically positioned to put science and practice together. She discussed the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion progress being made. She also talked about the role Extension played in working through COVID and participating in testing and vaccination clinics.

After a delicious lunch President Porter called the Business Meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. EDT. Minutes from the February 2021 Winter meeting were included in the meeting packets. After asking for any additions/corrections and there being none the minutes were approved as written. There was no old business, so we moved to new business.

The Bylaws Committee met and made recommendations for changes. The committee consisted of Curtis Rosser of Mason County, Jeff Zinner of Franklin County and Jean Rapp of Pendleton County. These were sent out to the members 30 days prior to today's meeting. A printed copy was also in the meeting packet. After a review of the proposed changes, a motion to accept the changes was made by Curtis Rosser from Mason County and seconded by Sharon Wood of Taylor County. A vote was taken, and motion passed.

The next order of business was a report from the Nominating Committee. This committee consisted of Virginia Hansell of Rockcastle County, Eddie Boone of Caldwell County and Jonathan Reynolds of Hickman County. They presented the following slate of officers: President-Karen Hill of Henderson County, Vice-President-Jeff Zinner of Franklin County and Secretary-Terry Cauley of Carroll County. A request for nominations from the floor was made with none received. Judy Worth of Fayette County made a motion to accept the slate of officers presented. Motion was seconded by Susan Hansford of Pulaski County. A vote was taken, and motion passed. Congratulations to our new officers.

President Porter stated that each year plaques of appreciation are presented to those members who are completing their term of service. As each person's name was called, they came forward to receive their plaque. The following members were recognized: Len Beverley of Montgomery County, Eddie Boone of Caldwell County, Terry Cauley of Carroll County, Judy Daniel of Johnson County, Marcia Duncan of Shelby County, Gary Ford of Marion County, Tony Grubb of Floyd County, Virginia Hansel of Rockcastle County, Sheila Key of Bell County, Dwight Lewis of Leslie County, David Miller of Lincoln County, E.T. Pendley of Muhlenberg County, Jean Rapp of Pendleton County, Jonathan Reynolds of Hickman County, Curtis Rosser of Mason County, Harold Stilts of Metcalfe County, Douglas Stockton of Wayne County, Robin Tomlinson of Bullitt County, Sharon Wood of Taylor County, Judy Worth of Fayette County and Jeff Zinner of Franklin County.

President Porter then recognized her partners on the executive committee. She presented a plaque to Karen Hill for her service as Vice President which included an extra year. Even though Juan Pena could not be here today, a plaque will be sent to him for his service as Secretary. Next, Karen presented Ann with a plaque for her service as Council President. Ann then made a few comments about her time serving on this council.

President Porter made an announcement that the next State Extension Council meeting will take place on December 7, 2021, in Lexington and will be held in conjunction with a state-wide Extension Conference for all Extension professionals. Delegates will be meeting during this event, so be sure to mark your calendars. This will take the place of our customary February date. Additional details will be available in a few weeks. KSU had two scheduled activities following the meeting for those who are interested. Anyone going on either of these activities were asked to meet in the foyer for further instructions.

President Porter then turned the meeting over to Vice-President Hill. She asked if there was any further business to come before the group or any announcements. There being none she asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Ford of Marion County made the motion which was seconded by Sharon Wood of Taylor County. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m. EDT. Everyone was reminded to have a safe trip home.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hill, Vice-President in the absence of Juan Pena, Secretary