

# Powhatan Extension Leadership Council (ELC)

## Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2020 Meeting held in Powhatan Extension Office

Members present: Johns Bailey, Tony Hackenberg, Cathy Howland, Gail Timberlake, Tim Kidwell, Allison Walters, Ruby Turner, Rachel Henley, Bonnie Garringer, and Keith Burgess

The meeting was called to order by Tony Hackenberg at 8am.

Motion to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting as distributed by Johns Bailey, second by Cathy Howland and Gail Timberlake; Minutes accepted as distributed.

**ELC Treasurer's Report:** Ruby Turner distributed the ELC Balance Sheet report. There was a beginning balance of \$2,346.19 as of December 1, 2019. Interest received last quarter totals \$1.46 (December – February). There were no disbursements. The new balance is \$2,347.65.

### ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

**Pork Loin Fundraiser:** Johns Bailey reported that he had already purchased from personal funds 7 cases of pork loins from Sam's Club. He found a case price of \$1.35/lb. and felt confident that the price would not go lower. Seven cases will be the equivalent of 35 whole pork loins. The pick-up date will be the Friday before Easter as usual and Johns will need help with cooking beginning about 8AM. Tim Kidwell agreed to assist. Allison Walters distributed updated flyers for members to post and will attach to the email distribution of the meeting minutes.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

**50 Mile Meal:** Rachel Henley explained that this is still in the planning stages, but there will not be a Celebration of the Horse event this year and she would like to focus more on agriculture in Powhatan County. Currently the idea is looking like a farm to table dinner using products from local producers, but she is open to any suggestions members may have.

Keith Burgess suggested using the courtyard area at Powhatan High School and possibly Mr. Robertson's, Culinary Arts program to prepare the food.

As a continuation of this Gail Timberlake suggested also inviting vendors from the Powhatan Farmers Market to set up displays of their products.

Rachel also related possibly using the Courthouse Green or Village Vibe area as locations.

**Nominating Committee:** Ruby Turner, Tony Hackenberg and Bonnie Garringer have served in their current roles for two consecutive terms. There will need to be elections held for new officers at the June 2020 meeting. A nominating committee was formed consisting of Bonnie Garringer, Keith Burgess and Tony Hackenberg.

**ELC Membership:** The District 1 ELC representative position is vacant. Ruby Turner (District 5) and Gail Timberlake (District 2) have both served as representatives for their 3-year term. The District Supervisors may contact them to ask if they would like to continue to be a representative for a second 3-year term. Supervisors may also recommend someone new.

**Budgets:** Cathy Howland gave a brief update on the budget. An increase of \$2703.00 was requested for the county budget to cover salary increases. Governor Northam did not include a request for additional funding for VCE in the budget. Cathy passed out an extension publication “Making an impact in Powhatan County” calculating county funding sources, return on investment by the county for each dollar, and the value of volunteer hours.

**Programming Reports:**

<p><b>MSWCD</b></p>	<p>Keith Burgess announced that MSWCD Secretary, Pam Pleasants will be retiring in August, the search for her replacement will begin soon. They still have funding available for cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay in agricultural cost share funds, and Keith participated in the Powhatan Leadership Institute Agricultural and Natural Resources session in February. He also commented that local community groups, committees, etc. get serious about supporting an Ag Center in the county.</p>
<p><b>4-H</b></p>	<p>There is a new 4-H Archery club starting next month with 5 volunteers being trained. This has helped a great deal to get youth on the shooting sports waiting list into a club. They will focus on archery and pistol practice with youth. One of the 4-H horse clubs will be sponsoring a qualifying show. Cathy has been in the schools in February conducting the Safe at Home, Safe Alone program. In March she will be conducting a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in school water program. After spring break, she will begin the embryology program with the schools. Farm Day with all of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes is set for April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and she is looking for ideas and people to man additional stations. She needs a total of 16 for the event. The 4-H Jr Camp is well under way for 2020, she has been working with 33 teens monthly training camp counselors. She is still in need of adult males who can help chaperone at camp. Registration for camp opened March 1.</p>
<p><b>ANR</b></p>	<p>There will be 8 MG Trainees starting classes in January. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Women in Agriculture Conference held February 20-21 was a success. This year 35-40 attendees heard a keynote speaker discussing farm legal issues, in addition to participating in workshops, and onsite vendors. The American Farmland Trust grant program in Powhatan for women landowners to make contacts and learn about resources available to them has been moved to the fall and will be available to any women who own or will inherit land. Beef Discussion Group is meeting monthly. The Ag state pre-conference animal science tours are coming to the State Farm. She will have additional information to share later about this. Rachel is working on planning Boxwood Blight tours. Rachel is working on a proposal for an agriculture complex in the county. Celebration of the Horse will not be held this year and Rachel would like to hold a Breakfast on the Farm fundraiser, details are still in the early stages, but the State Farm may potentially be a venue to host the event spring 2021. She is also potentially working with the State Farm to set up a farm safety program. The 4-H/FFA Meats Judging Team traveled to Virginia Tech for State 4-H/FFA Meats Judging Contest in March. Rachel approached former Extension Agent, ELC member and Meats Judging</p>

	Team volunteer Johns Bailey about a fundraising project. The team has helped with, and has enjoyed the ELC pork loin fundraiser for several years. Rachel proposed, and Johns agreed to helping the team make, bottle, market, and sell his BBQ sauce that is well known in the community. Rachel has reached out to the state 4-H office about what would need to be done to accomplish this.
<b>FCS</b>	Cathy Howland reported that Jane Henderson was not in attendance due to a shortage of staff in the Amelia Extension Office.
<b>Master Gardeners</b>	Report Attached
<b>Huguenot Beekeepers</b>	Cathy Howland reported that the Beginning Beekeeping class started in February. The group has also started a 4-H SPIN Club with 7 youth participating.

**ELC Member Comments:**

Johns Bailey suggested Rachel invite Senator Janet Howell from Fairfax to the Farm to Table meal.

Gail Timberlake:

Susan Smith is working on Ag in the Classroom and still needs readers if anyone is available.

In reference to ELC Membership Gail suggested the graduates of Powhatan Leadership Institute.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am

**NEXT MEETING**

Next Quarterly ELC Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2020, at 8:00 am.