

Program Updates:

- 6:22 pm Family and Consumer Science: Michael Lucero. read by Jonathan V.
 - Discussed current activities, classes and collaborations
 - Discussed future goals from performance review
 - Financial Education Programming
 - El Paso County News & Information Channel Programming
 - Offering online classes at a reduced cost
- 6:28 pm Local Foods/Agriculture: Michele Ritchie (Featured Staff)
 - Discussed USDA Regional Food Systems Partnership grant
 - Joan asked about target communities
 - Michele answered that studies will be done with players in distribution as well as focus groups
 - Details Featured in CSU's The Source
 - Working on getting copies forwarded to board members
 - Discussed AgrAbility Workshop 2/10/23
 - Partnership between CSU Extension and Goodwill Industries of Colorado
 - Addressing ergonomics and injury prevention, water usage issues, stress management
 - Mentioned Cleaning and Sanitizing Workshop for Fruit and Veg Producers 3/8/23
- 6:47 pm 4-H: Emily Green & Charity Cagle read by Jonathan V.
 - Mentioned Beef tag in coming up 2/18/23
 - Mentioned small animal Creation Station coming up 2/25/23
 - Discussed Escalation: Teen Dating Violence Workshop
 - Mentioned Upcoming Shooting Sports Safety Course
 - Don asked about enrollment numbers for 2022-2023 season
 - Jonathan answered similar to last years but looking into creating more clubs specifically in urban areas
 - Joan mentioned mentorship program for org leaders to increase number of clubs possible
 - Jonathan mentioned this was on the table
 - Discussed goal moving forward of creating more hands-on learning experiences
- 7:01 pm Horticulture: Irene Shonle read by Jonathan V.
 - Discussed funding/staffing
 - New Hire Horticultural Coordinator: Allyssa Lynnfield
 - Closer to Full Time Equivalent per El Paso County goals
 - 11 new Master Gardener Apprentices accepted
 - Mentioned grant application for Native Plant Garden at 17 N Spruce St
 - Mentioned Collaboration with FCS in Garden to Kitchen programming
- 7:08 pm Director/SAM/AG/Community Development/4-H: Jonathan Vrabec
 - Reviewed January and February programming
 - Discussed program for training coaches for livestock teams
 - Mentioned statewide Horse Advisory Committee meeting coming up

- 7:15 pm Introduction to new 4-H admin Alex Smith

Reports:

- 7:19 pm Fiscal/Budget: Jonathan V.
 - Mentioned working on raises for Admin Assistants and Emily Green
- 7:22 pm 2023 County Fair: Jonathan V.
 - Colorado Forest Service will have a booth with activities this year
 - Discussed new structures and other upcoming events at the Fair Grounds
- 7:25 pm Purchases: Jonathan
 - Discussed source of funding for TVs for North Classroom which were ordered in 2022
 - Jonathan asked Todd if it was possible to keep them with the 2022 budget
 - Todd responded that he would investigate
 - Mentioned need for a new laptop for new hire Allyssa Lynnfield
- 7:31 pm Western National Roundup: Jonathan V.
 - We Won! Horse Quiz Bowl Team takes gold

Unfinished Business: Jonathan V.

- Discussed board size and bylaws
 - Suggested future size of board be 9 members instead of the current 11
 - Discussed editing bylaws to streamline
- Discussed secondary charter school 4-H guided learning project
 - Goals of reintroducing hands on and applied learning to K-12 schools
 - Currently in the fact-finding stages
- DEI Auditing
 - Kicked back to Fall 2023

New Business: Jonathan

- 8:10 pm CSU Extension 2023 Goals and County Strategic Plan Suggested feedback should be emailed for discussion for the next board meeting
 - Todd briefly reviewed printed power point slides for County Strategic Plan
- 8:10 pm Sunshine Law and meeting adjourned