



CSU Extension Boulder County
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2021

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM via Teams with the Board of Boulder County Commissioners.

Board Members:

Present: Hallie Adams, Rob Alexander, Lanie Cavazos, Mary Mulry, Kate Newberg, and Jay Ruggeri.
Absent: Joshua Coffie and Betsy Shehigian. Quorum present? Yes

Other Attendees:

Extension staff members in attendance were Kristen Anderson, Adrian Card, Deryn Davidson, Audra Harders, Dena Hyre, Faith Kroschel, Brenda Kwang, Laura Larson, Carol O'Meara, and Lisa Wallace.

Board of Boulder County Commissioners present were Matt Jones, Claire Levy, and Marta Loachamin. Also present was Jana Petersen and Therese Glowacki.

2020 Annual Report for CSU Extension:

Laura presented the Annual Report for 2020. A copy of the report and the Extension Strategic Planning Goals were provided via email to the commissioners and staff.

The staff who were in attendance gave brief 2021 updates on each of their programs and answered many questions that the commissioners had regarding their programs throughout the meeting.

Advisory Board:

The role of the board is two-fold. First, we serve in an advisory capacity to Extension staff and to the commissioners, second, as an informed link between Boulder County citizens and Extension programs. Advocacy for Extension programs and advising Commissioners.

Introductions of each Extension Advisory Board member were made. Discussions were held on what communities they are connected to, why they support Extension, why Extension is vital to the county and what Extension contributes.

On behalf of the Extension Advisory Board and staff, we express our thanks to the County Commissioners for their support and genuine interest with Extension. Boulder County Extension is extraordinary to the great extent of the partnership with Boulder County and Colorado State University, with great recognition of the past and present Board of County Commissioners.

Board of County Commissioners:

Comments from the County Commissioners during staff presentations:

- Appreciate staff looking at the bright side during tough times. The last few years has been a struggle for your staff, we appreciate you.
- Keeping young people engaged, so important as they are dealing with the pandemic like the rest of us. Great to learn about your programs.
- Appreciate the share-out of everything you all have been involved in and just knowing of what our youth have confronted and to know the collaborate of the different organizations looking to address the whole myriad of different events.
- Appreciate the share-out of LGBTQAI+ work, the anti-bullying work, all connected to the social isolation, our high levels of depression certainly this time of year. The work you have been doing is exciting.
- Excited for 2022 and hope to participate in some of these activities.
- There is so much interest in the last 10 years or so on pollinators and pollinator friendly gardens, great to know you are educating people on good species to plant and practices around pollinators. Great information.
- Love to share those things out on social media as we build those relationships.
- Kudos for a great program. I can attest to the mental health benefits of gardening. A tangible connection, rather its growing food or flowers, feels good. Nothing more satisfying as eating something that you grew. And to donate. A cool program.
- Appreciate the attention that is given throughout all these presentations to the Spanish community, the Latinx population and the other folks that may not historically be included in the work. Just wanted to add those extra appreciations to that.
- Delivery service to where our people are, talked about the emotional benefits, great to eat something you grew. Great program.
- Interested in all the things you have presented here on the challenges. The cropland policy, how do we keep ag sustainable? If you got ideas from the surveys, I would love to hear that.
- The issue of ergonomic injury and heat is something that we will have to keep a close eye on. A lot of reports of heat exhaustion along the west coast among ag workers. I am just super interested in everything. Would love to stay in touch.
- Appreciate the update on all the different pieces that you are working on. Would love to continue the conversation on the farm worker piece as well. What things can be modified to reduce the worse stresses on ergonomics.

Closing comments from County Commissioners:

- Thank all of you for the time, your time you have put in, the dedication of the Advisory Board members and everything you do and the enthusiasm you bring to it, just a really delightful rewarding hour and a half to get to spend with you.
- Appreciate trying to reach out to our Spanish speaking community to get them engaged and applying to serve on the board.
- With all the programs you are doing, you are generating the next generation of leaders in this area.
- Really grateful to all of you for the service you provide, your enthusiasm, your expertise, the support you give us because we do rely on our boards to helps us, to advise us, that's why you are there. And you really have done a great service to us. Thanks so much.
- My commitment to all of you is to continue in the communication and to listen, join in and be there when we can on site. Feel free to reach out to the commissioners at BoulderCounty.org as email or to us individually so that we can show up and participate and elevate the work that you are doing. I am thrilled about your ideas of bringing in youth.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Minutes prepared by Dena Hyre

The BOCC strategic priorities: Affordable Living, Climate Action, Equity & Justice, Land & Water Stewardship and Organizational & Financial Stewardship.

Please review the 2019-2023 Board of County Commissioners Strategic Priorities
<https://inbc.boco.co.boulder.co.us/sites/bocc/Pages/Strategic-Priorities.aspx> for more detail.