MEMBERS PRESENT: JULIE DAVIS, DARREN OELKE, SHERYL UNGER, CINDY LINNER, CHRIS HARTING, TRAVIS HISSONG, RHONDA GAEDDE, BRET MARIETTA, MIKE NEFF, ROBERTA SHIPLEY, REGINA STARK.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: TERRY GRIFFITH

MEMBERS ABSENT: KYLE EMIGH AND ROBERTA SHIPLEY.

AGENTS PRESENT: JENILEE GODSEY, PATSY MADDY, ALYSSA RIPPE-MAY, KAREN SHEPARD, AND KEITH VANSKIKE.

GUESTS: REGIONAL DIRECTOR, MARY SULLIVAN, VIA ZOOM.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: CHAIRMAN JULIE DAVIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:45 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – YQCA: AGENT PATSY MADDY REPORTED ON THE YOUTH FOR QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS. THIS PROGRAM IS REQUIRED IN NORTON AND DECATUR COUNTIES FOR THE YOUTH TO BE ABLE TO SELL THEIR ANIMALS IN THE AUCTIONS. GRAHAM COUNTY JUST GOT APPROVED AND THIS WILL BE RE-INFORCED IN 2022. THERE HAVE BEEN 2 OF THE 4 SESSIONS HELD WITH SHERIDAN COUNTY HAVING 34 PARTICIPANTS AND 10 PARTICIPANTS IN GRAHAM COUNTY ALSO. THE NEXT UPCOMING SESSION WILL BE IN NORTON COUNTY ON 5/20/21. INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR, ALYSSA RIPPE-MAY, REPORTED ON THE ANIMAL WELL-BEING PROGRAM. AGENT JENILEE GODSEY REPORTED ON FOOD SAFETY PROGRAMS. AGENT PATSY MADDY REPORTED ON THE LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM AND TEACHING THE KIDS HANDS ON LEARNING HOW TO GIVE SUB-Q AND IM SHOTS TO THEIR ANIMALS.

CONSENT ITEMS: RHONDA GAEDDE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES, TREASURER’S REPORT, EXPENSE LISTING AND BUDGET REPORT AS PRINTED. TRAVIS HISSONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REVIEW AGENDA FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: NONE

BOARD LEADERSHIP-HIRING MODULE: INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR, ALYSSA RIPPE-MAY, WILL E-MAIL THIS TO THE BOARD AT A LATER DATE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HIRING COMMITTEE – CINDY LINNER REPORTED THE COMMITTEE MET AND THEY PROPOSED THE BOARD SET THE MOTION TO HIRE AN PROGRAM ASSISTANT. K-STATE IS STILL IN FREEZE STATUS ON AGENT HIRING AND IT IS UNKNOWN HOW LONG THAT WILL LAST.

BUDGET COMMITTEE- RHONDA GAEDDE REPORTED ON THE COMMITTEE MEETING. DISTRICT PURCHASE NEEDS ARE SHERIDAN AND GRAHAM COUNTIES NEED A PRINTER AND GRAHAM COUNTY ALSO NEEDS A VEHICLE.
OLD BUSINESS:

4-H PROGRAM ASSISTANT POSSIBILITIES - THE BOARD REVIEWED THE PRINTED JOB DESCRIPTION. TRAVIS HISSONG MOVED TO HIRE A PROGRAM ASSISTANT TO BE BASED OUT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY. MIKE NEFF SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RHONDA GAEDER MOVED TO MAKE THE POSITION OF THE PROGRAM ASSISTANT AS PART-TIME WITH FLEXIBLE HOURS UP TO 30 HOURS PER WEEK. MIKE NEFF SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SHERIDAN COUNTY AGENT PLAN - THIS IS ON HOLD FOR NOW DUE TO THE KSU HIRING FREEZE.

NT OFFICE SIGNAGE - AGENT KEITH VANSKIKE REPORTED HE IS WORKING ON THIS TRYING TO FIND THE CORRECT SIGN TO PUT UP.

SHOOTING SPORTS INSURANCE - NO UPDATE.

NEW BUSINESS:

OP EVALUATION – TRAVIS HISSONG MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:35 P.M. WITH ALL AGENTS AND REGIONAL DIRECTOR, MARY SULLIVAN VIA ZOOM, FOR 20 MINUTES TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. SHERYL UNGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. BOARD RETURNED TO REGULAR MEETING WITH RHONDA GAEDER MOVING TO EXTEND THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 5 MORE MINUTES. TRAVIS HISSONG SECONDED THE MOTION AND MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. BOARD RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:00 P.M. MIKE NEFF MADE THE MOTION TO TAKE ACTION TOWARD TERMINATION OF THE GRAHAM COUNTY OP. CHRIS HARTING SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. SHERYL UNGER MOVED TO RE-POST ADVERTISING THE POSITION FOR THE GRAHAM COUNTY OP. RHONDA GAEDER SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. CINDY LINNER MOVED TO REMOVE THE SHERIDAN COUNTY OP FROM PROBATION STATUS. REGINA STARK SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VEHICLE FOR GRAHAM COUNTY – AGENT KAREN SHEPARD STATED SHE WOULD PREFER A CAR TO A VAN FOR GRAHAM COUNTY. THE AGENTS WILL LOOK IN EACH OF THEIR COUNTIES FOR A POSSIBLE AVAILABLE CAR WITH QUOTES ON PRICE AND REPORT BACK NEXT MONTH.

ELSIE ROBINSON 4-H SCHOLARSHIP IN DECATUR COUNTY – TRAVIS HISSONG MOVED TO AWARD MACKENZIE URBAN THE ELSIE ROBINSON 4-H SCHOLARSHIP. SHERYL UNGER SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SHERIDAN COUNTY POSTAGE METER CONTRACT - $279.60 - CINDY LINNER MOVED TO PAY THE $279.00 DUE AND CLOSE OUT THE CONTRACT. DARREN OELKE SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FULL PDC MEETING IN SEPTEMBER - INTERIM DISTRICT DIRECTOR, ALYSSA RIPPE-MAY STATED THAT THE EXTENSION WILL PROVIDE A MEAL FOR THE DISTRICT FULL PDC MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.

KSRE COVID POLICY UPDATE – NEW POLICY IS TO TURN IN FTF REQUESTS IF GREATER THAN 50 PEOPLE WILL BE ATTENDING ANY GATHERING AND MASK AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IS STILL IN EFFECT.

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS – AGENT PATSY MADDY SHARED INFORMATION ABOUT THE KANSAS CLOVER CLASSROOM AND THE SUCCESS IT HAS BEEN. TWIN CREEKS DISTRICT #9 STARTED A BLENDED LEARNING PLATFORM IN 2019 THAT EVOLVED INTO THE KANSAS 4-H CLOVER CLASSROOM ESPECIALLY
DURING THE COVID-19. THAT TWIN CREEKS BEGINNING PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING ACROSS THE STATE TO OTHER DISTRICTS. GOOD JOB AGENTS!

ADJOURN: RHONDA GAEDE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:17 P.M. WITH TRAVIS HISSONG SECONING THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UPCOMING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS:

MAY 19, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M. NORTON COUNTY 4-H BUILDING
JUNE 16, 2021 @6:30 P.M. GRAHAM COUNTY 4-H BUILDING
JULY 21,2021 @ 6:30 P.M. SHERIDAN COUNTY 4-H BUILDING
AUGUST 18, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M. DECATUR COUNTY 4-H BUILDING

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED,

SHERYL UNGER, SECRETARY