

# **Rice County**

## **Extension Committee**

**Minutes of March 10, 2021**

***In Person @ Extension Office Fairgrounds or Zoom Meeting at 5pm***

Members present: Jeff Schultz, Charles Peters, Sandi Fuchs, Clarice DeGrood, Art Madsen, Jim Purfeerst, Jeff Docken, Denise Anderson, Kelly Chadwick, Claire LaCanne, Grace Martin, Ashley Purry, and Lisa Dierks

- Meeting was called to order at 5 pm.
- Introductions were given of the members present and members on zoom.
- Approval of agenda with addition of Master Gardener Coordinator item under Business Items.
- Minutes of 11/18/2020.

Program Updates given:

- 4-H/Youth Development - Kelly Chadwick & Ashley Purry
- Agriculture Production Systems - Claire LaCanne
- Master Gardeners – Claire LaCanne
- Regional Extension - Lisa Dierks

Business Items:

- Chair & Vice Chair elections were held. Committee elected Charlie Peters as Chair and Jeff Schultz as Vice Chair.
- CEC Membership Roster was reviewed.
- Farm Family of the Year 2021 – discussion of nominations and made selection.
- Master Gardener Coordinator – Committee agreed to ask Steele County Master Gardener Lorrie Rugg to fill Rice County position until 12/31/21 with a budget of \$5,000. Claire will reach out to Lorrie.
- Art Madsen asked for Chair to write a letter of commendation for Claire LaCanne to her supervisor to provide positive feedback about all she has done during the past year. Committee agreed.

Next Meeting:

- June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 5 pm @ Fair Grounds

Adjourn

Minutes respectively submitted by,  
Denise M Anderson, Rice County Property Tax Administrator & Elections Director