

**Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Brantley's Restaurant
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Patricia Bragg, Shawn Carawan, Bossy Hardison, Lynn Lewis, Derek Potter, Mac Prescott, Andrew Spruill, Cody Paul

Staff Present: Daniel Simpson, Kait Neeland, and Tamara Carawan

Board Members Absent: Katherine Clowers, Jarrett Hacker, Bob Lyon, Chris Jones

Introduction:

- Daniel welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4-H Update:

- Spring Programs: STEM, robotics-basic fundamentals, 1st livestock show-pigs, Coastal Plains Chicken Show; school enrichment programs, partnership with Heartworks
- Summer Programs: Outbreak Alert, Space Camp, Book Explorers-was continued in the fall, Love Our Neighbor
- Fall Programs: Robots and Programming, Shooting Sports, Book Explorers
- Upcoming 2020 Programs: Livestock show-goats and pigs, Coastal Plains Chicken Show, Southeast District Presentations by 4-Hers, STEM workshops, Chopped, Acoustical Engineering, Hop to It, Book Explorers, Love Our Neighbor

CED Update:

- 2019 Program Update: connecting growers with youth, worked with PCHS Agriculture Program to rebuild planter and then used it, Home Horticulture, Master Gardener classes was a series of Horticulture classes, wants to expand to a more public audience
- 2020 Advisory Council Activities: Daniel talked about the questionnaire and ideas he had.

- There was much discussion about specific activities/program areas that could be addressed:
 - Educate on environmental considerations in raising livestock
 - Raise awareness of factual statistics in livestock production
 - Address animal rights groups/anti-agriculture groups
 - Right to farm/Right to hunt
 - Wind energy/solar energy
 - Neuse River buffer rules
 - Forestry-Shawn's forestry team, urban forestry, pesticide specialist out of Goldsboro
 - How to cut down trees/use a chainsaw
 - Wildlife Management
 - Keep partnership with the schools
 - Plant ID-local species
 - Visit pinestraw raking operation-Bladen Lake
 - Partnership with Envirothon

- There was discussion about a Farm/City event
 - For the community
 - Showcase all aspects of agriculture that our county has to offer/local farm show
 - A-Z of Ag Industry
 - Chamber/Historical Association could help with marketing
 - Needs to be in one location
 - Needs to be a stand-alone event
 - Fall would be the best time
 - Invite Soybean Growers Association
 - Include seafood industry and forestry industry
 - Have vendors with local products

Schedule of Future Meetings was given:

- February 13, 2020
- June 11, 2020
- November 12, 2020

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.