

## Nelson Agricultural Commission

Minutes of Meeting July 1, 2015

Olivia Rodham Memorial Library - Nelson

Members Present: *Val Van Meier, John Bunce, Judi Lang, Jacqueline Roland, Pat Rich, Barbara Voymas, and David Voymas*

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Minutes of 6/3/2015 meeting accepted as read.
3. Members discussed the success of their June “Strawberry Bed Maintenance Day” at the Nelson School. The Commission weeded the school’s strawberry beds and mulched them with hay. Val returned later to pick strawberries; she will give the frozen berries to the school in the fall, so that they can use them for pancake breakfasts or other school events. Members agreed to continue picking and freezing strawberries for the school throughout the season.
4. Members reviewed the progress that they made on their to-do list since their June meeting. Jacqueline sent Kris updated information for the Ag Com’s page on the library-run town website. She also sent updated term information to the town offices. The select board unanimously approved the Commission’s membership changes at their 6/17/2015 meeting; Pat Rich is now an alternate member of the Ag Com and Barbara Voymas is a regular member. Val talked to the select board and Kathy Blandschun about the idea of having an Ag Com info table at Old Home Day. She received a positive response from the board and Kathy.
5. Members discussed plans for the Old Home Day table. Members agreed to bring canned goods and produce to display at the table. David Voymas offered to work on some informative materials about Nelson’s livestock population. Members also discussed promotional materials that could be available at the table. Jacqueline agreed to work on updating the Nelson Producer’s Directory. Val and Jacqueline also offered to work together to create a flyer advertising upcoming Ag Com events.
6. The Commission discussed plans for its upcoming farm tour and ideas for future events. Judi reported that she contacted Carl Majewski, Ag Resources Educator for the UNH Cooperative Extension, about giving a talk on poultry as part of the Ag Com Lecture Series. Mr. Majewski is willing to give a free poultry presentation for the Lecture Series. Commission members selected the date of Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the presentation, and Judi agreed to check with Mr. Majewski to see if that worked for him. Jacqueline agreed to contact Kris Finnegan to see if the presentation could be at the library on that date. Members discussed possibilities for other Lecture Series presentations.
7. Val informed the Commission that she’ll continue to work on researching Ag Com rules relative to scholarships.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by Jacqueline Roland, secretary.

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