Cass County Advisory Council Minutes
August 1, 2018
3:00 pm
Cass County Annex – Bison Room

Attendance
Leola Daul, Leah Deyo, Keely Ihry, Kim Lipetzky, Meagan Maritota, Jeffrey Miller, Joe Morken, Whitney Oxendahl, Julie Sorby, Brandy Sprunk, Cassie Wiste, Jack Wood, Greg Lardy, Kelcey Hoffmann, Megan Myrdal, Maxine Nordick, Mariam Said, Todd Weinmann, Kenny Witte

Welcome & Introductions
The Cass County Advisory Council meeting was facilitated by Megan Myrdal, Extension Agent/Family Nutrition Program. Todd Weinmann, Horticulture Agent and Kenny Witte, Dietetics Intern led an icebreaker game to help the council members and Extension staff learn more about one another.

Discussion Items
Meet Dr. Greg Lardy, Interim Director of NDSU Extension
Dr. Lardy started his position on July 3, 2018 and began with Extension in 1997. He has been enjoying meeting and getting to know Extension personnel and community members. He asked the group to speak highly and positively of NDSU Extension’s work for North Dakota citizens. He welcomed questions from the advisory council members and Extension staff.

Budget & Office Update
Megan shared an update on the Cass County Extension budget of approved as requested. The Parent Educator position will be refilled. A new “Urban” agent position will be opened. The timeline for the new agents to fill the positions will possibly be around January 2019.

Red River Valley Fair & State Fair Recap
Maxine Nordick, 4-H Extension Agent, shared an update on 4-H members’ exhibits, judging day, projects and events for the 2018 Red River Valley Fair.
Kelcey Hoffmann, Ag & Natural Resources Extension Agent, shared an update on the horse show, horse clinic, large and small animal events for the 2018 Red River Valley Fair and North Dakota State Fair.

Developing Your Extension Elevator Speech
Megan explained the informational handouts on creating an elevator speech. The group took a few minutes to write their elevator speech on serving on the NDSU Extension Advisory Council. Todd W. and Julie S. volunteered to share their speeches. Cassie W. shared hers as well and explained the high value Extension has with the work she does with diverse populations – nutrition, community gardens, multi-cultural 4-H clubs – a good bridge of university resources to community needs. Dr. Lardy recommended to make each elevator speech personal according to the program area and expertise of each agent or advisory council member.
Field to Fork Festival Preview
Megan explained the “Field to Fork Festivals” events starting early August and running through early October and shared the promotional posters. Please check out the NDSU Extension website for more information. [www.ag.ndsu.edu/casscountyextension/food-nutrition-and-health/field-to-fork-festivals](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/casscountyextension/food-nutrition-and-health/field-to-fork-festivals)

Next Meeting
November 7, 3-5 p.m.
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2019 Advisory Council Schedule:
February 6, 3-5 p.m.
May 2, 3-5 p.m.
August 7, 3-5 p.m.
November 6, 3-5 p.m.