**Western Extension Directors Association**

**Meeting Agenda**

**January 10, 2023**

3:00 p.m. **Welcome and Introductions** – Ivory Lyles

3:05 p.m. **Roll Call/Sound Check** – Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom

Ivory Lyles, Ed Martin, Jon Boren, Lindsey Shirley, Aufai Areta, Barbara Petty, Kathay Rennels, Kristopher Elliott, Vicki McCracken, Pete Pinney, Kelly Crane, Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom, Brad Gaolach, and Pete Barcinas

3:10 p.m. **Western Center for Metropolitan Research and Extension –** Brad Gaolach

Discussion revolved around the Center going national versus staying regional. What might be impacts on costs/revenue, what might the West lose, and what will be the relationship with NUEL?

With the center being understaffed, a first goal would be to create capacity for expansion in five core functions as outlined in the documents. Along with strategies for growth, also discussed was the ways operations would change and how that would impact the presence and representation of the West. In regard to NUEL, there were discussions on that relationship, and their reorganizing to better reflect their function and direction that improves the interactions between the two organizations.

Depending on which way to move forward, the next steps would include reviewing all the network relationships and how that might impede productivity versus expanding opportunities.

ACTION: The group will discuss further and vote on how to move forward at the February meeting.

3:55 p.m**. CLD3 Farm Bill Proposal – Scott Reed and Stephanie Shipp**

The team of Scott Reed, Cathie Woteki, Cass Dorius and Stephanie Shipp discussed building capacity through Cooperative Extension to use data in communities to understand and address specific problems and solutions communities would like to see happen. Through new tools and new approaches, Extension is poised to be the new delivery point for operationalizing this data-driven discovery engagement.

Starting with place and interest, CLD3 works with people who offer what to focus on and then receive the feedback from data research to then decide to take the next step. (<https://workspace.oregonstate.edu/cc>)

The emphasis is allowing communities to drive the investigation and benefit from the results of that work. CLD3 seeks feedback on how to best get language in the Farm Bill to expand and sustain the effort.

4:40 p.m. ***WEDA Business Meeting***

Approve December 13, 2022, meeting minutes – Pete Pinney

Barbara moved to approve the minutes from December 13th. Kelly seconded. Approved as submitted.

***Old Business:***

***New Business:***

4:40 p.m. **ED Report** – Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom

Doreen reported on WEDA activities plus program planning for the spring meeting. With the many workshops, WEDA will meet on Monday, March 27th, starting at 3:00 p.m. We will then meet again on Wednesday and will plan on completing our work by noon Thursday at the hotel in Denver, It is annual review time and plan of work evaluation of the ED is happening. Please watch your email for my documents and a request from Barbara for input regarding your ED’s performance.

At the Feb 14th meeting, we will schedule an executive session at the end of the meeting. Doreen will work with the WEDA Nominating Committee for filling leadership roles with certain transitions coming up.

4:55 p.m. **Additional agenda items**:

Next month, we will vote on a decision of the WMCER proposal.

There will be an ED review, including executive session.

Pete has offered to help organize an Alaska retreat next year.

**Next WEDA Meeting – February 14, 2023**