



Missouri Horse Council Meeting
January 25, 2020
Missouri Farm Bureau
Jefferson City, MO

Meeting Called to order by Chairman, Joe Eddy at 10am.

- Joe gave a recap of the year and a caption of what is happening today.
- Everyone that was present at the meeting introduced himself or herself and what organization they are from.
- Director, Sherry Copeland gave a report on the structure and governing documents.
- MHC structured the association on Missouri Farmers Care template.
- Sherry Copeland briefly went through the bylaws.
- Secretary, Michelle Forness gave a short recap of the past meeting and recap of the year.
- Treasurer, Dr. Lynn Martin gave a report on the treasury Checking account was opened and currently has a balance of \$1703.71
- Director, Cindy Roberts gave a report on Communications. Two web domains have been obtained, the logo is filed with the Library of Congress and is copyrighted. Facebook group has been formed, and MHC merchandise is available online through the website's home page. (T-shirts, hoodies, glassware, jewelry, golf balls, etc.)
- Past-Chair, Becki Krueger gave a report on the outreach that has been accomplished this past year. Becki represented us at the Livestock symposium with a booth.
- Vice-Chair, Ed Adams gave a report on Accomplishments: Meeting with the Missouri Department of Agriculture Director Chis Chinn, The Governors Proclamation of the Day of the Horse, Jefferson County Commission hearing- Spoke to rebut a law against trail riding on public park land -Cindy Roberts was the Executive Committee representative. The bill was removed.
- Dr. Lynn Martin read the Governor's Proclamation that recognized the National Day of the horse. The Proclamation highlighted that over 42,000 Jobs in the state and 718 million in goods and services in the State of Missouri December 13, 2019 as the official day of the horse.
- Mindy Patterson- With the Cavalry Group gave us an update on Legislative update: The difference between Animal welfare or Animal rights, the Animal rights group are chipping away at our rights, 180 Million in donations to Animal rights group only 1% is used for animals the rest is lobbying. NOTE: We need to keep our eye out for ballot Inactive, 22 Federal legislation sponsored this year funded by Animal rights groups, changing livestock Classifications, Local Limit laws, Cavalry group- Flash map will show you the bills that have been introduced. They are going to have a lobby day in Missouri March or April.
- Becki Krueger announced the slate of candidates for office:
Chairman Sherry Copeland
Vice- Chairman Dr. Lynn Martin
Treasurer Melody Canote
Secretary Cindy Roberts
Directors Stacie Smith, Debbie Birk, Becki Krueger.

- Ashley McCarty Representing Missouri Farmer Care: A few programs that are run by Missouri Farmer Cares- Has two spaces on March 31. Agriculture ready counties-64 at this time, Agricultural Education on the move- teach FFA chapters and they teach younger students about agriculture, Race to the plate- farmers interact with baseball fans Drive to feed kid- 128,000 meals to send home with children, 700 FFA students back the meals.
- Dr. Lynn Martin gave us a horse health update on 2019 disease outbreaks, diseases to look out for, vaccinations, and Pregnant mare and foal health.
- Kelly Smith-Equine Liability- Informed us on the Equine Limited Liability law was updated four years ago and it covers all livestock and you must have the new sign.
- Brian Martin- Drones in Agriculture uses, and laws.

Melody Canote moved for MHC to join Missouri Farmer Care and seconded by Janice Spears. Vote was taken and motion passes.

Discussion was made about financial commitment and budget concerns, but the feeling is that the outreach will overcome the financial impact.

Michelle Forness moved for MHC to support the HB1752 Support the Working Animal Protection Act and was seconded by Dr. Lynn Martin. Motion passes.

Suggestion was made to have a booth at the State FFA convention.

Floor was opened for nominations for officers; hearing non, the motion was made for acclimation the slate of officers presented is elected as previously stated.

Closing remarks from Joe Eddy.