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To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Dan Schroder, CSU Extension Director
Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director
Subject: CSU Extension Advisory Committee Appointments
Date: February 12, 2021

Staff Memo

The purpose of this Consent Agenda item is to appoint five applicants to the CSU Extension Advisory Committee. The CSU Extension By-Laws state the Committee may have between 5-9 members. Six people applied.

CSU Extension Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to assist CSUE staff in the implementation of the Board approved Extension work plan. Additionally, they will assist with the CSU Extension Needs Assessment while identifying issues CSU Extension may address. The following table lists the six people who expressed an interest in serving on the CSUE Advisory Committee.

Name	Town of residence	brief background & current status
Sally DeLong	Frisco	Was a youth workforce development and career technical educator. Is retired and interested in supporting her community.
Tom Koehler	Frisco	Was the director of research for a wealth management company. Is the founder of the Summit County non-profit <i>Sustainable Hiker</i> .
Terry Startzel	Keystone	Is retired from the corporate world. Is interested in building community through natural resources activities.
Mary Gessner	Frisco	Is a retired research scientist. Teaches Algebra at Colorado Mountain College. Served on the Summit County Library Board. Was a 4-H participant in her youth.
Phil Davis	Silverthorne	Graduated from Colorado State University. Is a retired Chemistry Professor from Tennessee. Worked with 4-H in Tennessee and was a 4-H participant in his youth.
Stan Katz	Silverthorne	Has an economics background. Was a New Jersey Board of Education representative. Is an active supporter of the Mountain Scholars program.

Recommendation

CSUE staff request The Board appoint five of the six applicants. Each of the applicants have qualities which would serve the Summit County CSU Extension department. As this effort is to re-initiate the committee and since the By-Laws invite a minimum of five community members to serve, it seems appropriate that we restart with five people. Additionally, an odd number of people is optimal especially when an item is up for vote. Upon The Board’s consideration of these CSUE Advisory Committee applicants, staff support the appointment of Sally DeLong, Tom Koehler, Terry Startzel, Mary Gessner, and Phil Davis. As much as we appreciate Stan Katz’ interest in this committee, we do not recommend his appointment at this time. Once candidates are selected, CSUE staff will follow the CSU requirement to have each person go through a background check prior to formal appointment.