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Date: Wednesday, March 04, 2026
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Zoom Meeting

EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Public Registration:

This is a hybrid meeting, so come in-person or join the meeting virtually via Zoom to be let into the waiting room at:

<https://larimer-org.zoom.us/j/92682213810?pwd=sXLP93Ogb0bL9cf3GNjPiZ7p2sQexT.1>

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Call to Order

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

- January 7th, 2026

Board Feedback

County Commissioner Liaison Report/Comments

Information Items

1. 4-H: (Rachel, Bailey, Britney, Roxanne)

January Recap:

Dagny Brault competed at the Western National Roundup in Horse Presentation and received 3rd

Family Consumer Sciences Skill-a-thon Team placed 2nd in the Life Skills Assessment and 5th Overall.

Consumer Decision Making Team placed 3rd in Group Think and 4th Overall.

Stock Show previsit at Ft. Collins Christian School & Preschool - prepared 20 kids to attend stock show

Leadership Development Conference: 15 youth from Larimer County were in attendance include the Colorado State 4-H President

Dog and Horse Orientations

February Recap:

Enrollment closed on Feb. 15:

Total enrollment number is 871, with 779 4-H members and 92 Cloverbuds

Total volunteers so far is 269

Roxanne attended the Amazing Shake event at New Vision Elementary school - fantastic event to branch into outreach in Thompson School District Schools

Beef Tag-In: Tagged 92 market beef animals

MQA Training and Livestock Field Day: 100 youth took the MQA exam to prepare for showing livestock this upcoming year Poultry and Rabbit Orientations also took place

Market Goat/Sheep and Swine Orientations

Shorting Sports Orientations - Archery, Air Rifle, & Air Pistol

Cake Decorating, Sewing, Cloverbuds, Small Engines, Scrapbooking, Beekeeping, and Leathercraft have all had their first couple of workshops

March Upcoming:

Add-Drop for projects is March 1, and project manuals will go out to all clubs for members to get at their March meetings

4-H Fest is set to take place on March 7 from 10am-4pm. Please come to volunteer and have some fun, and invite your friends as it will be open to the public! We have 16 clubs that will be hosting game booths, 18 members participating in the Maker Fair, and a silent auction.

Citizenship Washington Focus & Ignite: 4 Larimer County 4-H members will be traveling to the Washington D.C. for this conference, and 2 members will be giving a presentation at Ignite

Larimer County Dog Expo will be on March 28, and it is open to youth throughout the state, so they can learn more about the different dog disciplines and requirements for the project.

April Upcoming:

Swine Tagging Kits will be available March 30-May 1

Larimer County's first Veterinary Science Skill-a-thon set for the first Saturday in March

Rachel and Roxanne set to attend the State 4-H/CAE4-HYA Annual Meeting for 4 days

LifeSmarts Team to attend National competition

Beef Camp set for the third weekend of March

Hunters Education for Shooting Sports members set for third weekend of March

Regional Public Speaking Contest set for last weekend of April

Bob Keirns Memorial Gymkhana (Horse Event) set for last weekend of April

2. **Agriculture:** (Jess)

- Presentation

3. **Community Development:** (Lisa)

The Family Engagement Civic Learning Lab is currently accepting applications. It is a virtual online 10 week series focused on family school and community partnerships offered at no cost in ENGLISH/Spanish. Lisa Auer alongside Aliria Bello will be facilitating. This civic learning lab is a collaboration between Rocky Mountain Family Engagement Collective and CSU Extension Family Leadership Training Institute. Priority is given to TSD families, so if you know a TSD family who would like to take this training have them sign up today www.RMFEC.org/CLL. The end for signups is March 5th.

In partnership with the Berthoud library to host a Local Government workshop this spring.

Plans are in place to host the 20 week FLTI curriculum in fall of 2026 and Spring of 2027. This allows the funding to be spread across two fiscal years which has been a barrier in the past.

Gail Engel, an FLTI alumni and founder of the GrandFamily Coalition and Larimer County Alliance for Grandfamilies (LCAG) has retired. LCAG consists of kin raising kin and community partners across the county who support grandfamilies. Lisa is currently chairing LCAG and they are looking for a cochair.

4. **Farmers' Market:** (Maggie)

Maggie is not here today as she is attending the InTents National Farmers Market Conference in San Diego - sending best wishes to you all!

Maggie and Jess led Farm2LocalBiz local food networking event on February 5 with community partners (Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, NoCo Foodshed Project, Larimer County Economic Development) - the event was super successful! Over 40 unique businesses attended to network with 20 local producers. THANK YOU to Xochil, K-Lynn and Scott for your help with the event!! We are conducting the post-event work to administer the local food incentive coupons and continue fostering the event connections.

Maggie hosted webinar on February 19 with Larimer County Sales Tax Office for farmers' market vendors on the County sales tax process - was extended to other area markets in Larimer County as well

Maggie co-hosted the Colorado Farmers Market Association annual conference with the Winter Farmers Market from February 27 - March 1, for farmers markets across Colorado to come together for resource-sharing, collaboration and networking - we got to show off the LCFM to market managers statewide!

Rolling along with market planning, vendor decisions and Market Days for Older Adults program planning

5. **Food Safety & Nutrition** (Analecia)

Provided concerns to the County Legislative Coordinator on HB26-1033 Expanding the Colorado Cottage Foods Act.

MFSA meet and greet

CFPM - total

FSW- total

Plan for gaining interest

LIGHTR Grant numbers

Health Department Voucher numbers

6. **Health & Well-Being:** (Christa)

The radon social media campaign resulted in 565 test kits being ordered. We are already getting lab results back and will be sending letters to those with elevated levels soon to encourage mitigation and offer resources. We have 70 kits set aside for Spanish-speaking home owners and will work on getting those distributed in the next few months.

I have two interns this semester. One is a School of Public Health student who developed a survey to assess older adult nutrition education needs. She will develop some programming based on the feedback and a research review. The second intern is an undergraduate with Human Dimensions of Natural Resources. She is helping to launch the Branch Out nature and health curriculum for youth. She is also helping with some state-wide efforts related to nature and health including building a toolkit.

I will be presenting at the Berthoud Public Library on March 12th and 26th on the Mediterranean Diet and Healthy Cooking for 1 or 2.

Connection Cafe in Red Feather Lakes is still going strong with monthly visits to the North Forty Food Pantry. January was cancelled due to weather. In February we brought the Alliance For Suicide Prevention as our partner highlight.

7. **Horticulture:** (Alison)

Alison will be teaching additional classes throughout March and April on various subjects, including tree and turf diagnostics; tree planting, culture, and care; maintaining landscapes during drought; common pests and diseases of perennials; and more! There have been a lot of requests for classes on waterwise landscaping and managing landscapes during drought.

Master Gardeners will be doing several classes at the Berthoud Library throughout 2026 and have a three-week series scheduled at the Loveland Library on April 3, 10, and 17 at 12pm-1pm. Classes are also being coordinated with Council Tree Library in Fort Collins. Topics vary and include small-space vegetable gardening, waterwise perennials, the benefits of houseplants, rose culture and care, and more.

Landscape Like You Live Here is a new six-week introductory to Colorado gardening/landscaping that will launch April 7. Registration is \$150 and open to anyone, with a focus on HOA board members, the general public, and those who may have recently moved to Colorado. Topics include trees, shrubs, perennials, and lawn care, as well as the basics of design and irrigation. Learn more [here](#).

With the Health PRU, Alison will attend their summit at the end of April and share information and do a short activity that we'd do in a Evergreen Elders class. Health state specialist Sue Schneider is helping develop toolkits for statewide engagement with older adults. Alison and Erica Wharton (CMG) will be working to develop materials that can help counties offer therapeutic horticulture classes for older adults based on Evergreen Elders.

8. Natural Resources: (Jenna)

Native Plant Master Program: launching registration the second week of March, offering four 3-day courses that count towards certification, including one new course and an additional daylong in-person introductory class. We have three new instructors and are working towards cultivating additional instructors for future seasons.

Small Acreage Site visits: had first site visit about designing a predator-proof chicken coop and run. Requests for other site visits are coming in, mostly for stewarding healthy pastures and managing weeds. We will ramp up site visits starting at the end of March when plants are growing in and more visible.

Collaborating with Extension staff in other counties to offer workshops on topics including drought planning, forestry, and living with wildlife. Forestry academy is an Extension-designed curriculum for landowners managing forested acreage.

The Center of Collaborative Conservation has invited Jenna to be a practitioner participant in their new Common Ground Fellowship, training CSU undergrads and graduate students with mentorship from Natural Resources practitioners who have had success with collaboration on conservation efforts.

Larimer County Water Master Plan: Engaging a network of regional experts to identify high-impact opportunities for preserving irrigated farmland in Larimer County, specifically addressing Strategy 7 of Larimer County's Water Master Plan. Currently considering the viability of mechanisms such as conservation easements, transfer of development rights, agricultural districts, and other models.

9. General/Other (Cary)

Open recruitment for Advisory Committee members

Staff Presentation

- Jess (Agriculture)

Discussion

1. Agriculture Presentation

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Future Agenda Items

Adjourn

Per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Larimer County will provide reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with a disability who need assistance. Services can be arranged with at least seven (7) business days' notice. Please email us at aweakland@larimer.org or call (970) 619-6002 or Relay Colorado 711. "Walk-in" requests for auxiliary aids and services will be honored to the extent possible but may be unavailable if advance notice is not provided.

