

The April 23, 2026 of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Board of Directors was called to order by J. Jordan at 5:01p.

Members Present: J. Jordan, P. Kephart, K. Lowery, L. Zawrotny, C. Susick, W. Konopski, B. Joint

Members Via Zoom: H. Lando, F. Potter

Members Absent:

Staff Present: T. McKinley, R. Shirley, A. Zschoche, P. O’Conner

Approval of the March 2026 Board Minutes: With correction. B. Joint made a motion to approve the March 2026 minutes, and C. Susick seconded. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment Period: None

Special Guests:

- **Investment Presentation:** David Robbins from Career Capital did an overview of investment account.
- **4-H Washington Trip-** 2 4-H youth went to “Ignite” with chaperone Christine Towner. Isabelle Folckemer and Sienna Smalt both presented their experiences and thoughts on the trip.

Reports:

- **State Extension Specialist:**
 - Land grant summit held by dean of CALS
 - There has been a lot of financial trainings being held
 - Next month there is a nominating committee training available
 - Executive Directors will be meeting in Buffalo next month
- **Financial Report:**
 - R. Shirley presented financials. W. Konopski made a motion to approve the Financials and K. Lowery seconded. Approved unanimously.
- **Executive Director Report:**
 - A lot of programming/activities going on
 - Waiting to hear from grants for programs
- **Program Area Reports:**

- **Strategic Planning Committee-** Final has been sent out to members
 - Committee will be meeting quarterly to make sure they are on track with plan
 - C. Susick made a motion to accept plan as written upon recommendations from strategic planning committee. Approved unanimously.
 - This plan will be for 2026-2028

Old Business:

- NA

New Business:

- NA

Other Business:

- Volunteer Appreciation to follow meeting

Next Meeting: BOD meeting at 4:30 pm at the Annex Building on May 28, 2026

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 6:02p made by B. Joint and seconded by C. Susick and the motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by A. Zschoche.