

ANR SRPLN quarterly meeting notes

Wednesday, May 10, 2023. 1pm – 2pm Central Daylight time.

Attending: Becky Barlow, Angela McKenzie-Jakes, James Henderson, Craig Wood, Vic Ford, Jason de Koff, Justin Quentone Moss, Dale Monks, Mark McCann, Obadiah Njue, Justin Rhinehart, Laura Perry Johnson, Mark Blevins, Matthew Burns, Dan Goerlich.

**New business:**

1. Andy Londo - RREA Strategic Plan update (15 mins) – email update

From: Londo, Andrew <londo.2@osu.edu>

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 7:02 AM

To: Vic Ford <vford@uada.edu>

Subject: RREA project write up

Good morning Vic. Thank you for giving the southern ANR leaders my regrets about missing yesterday's meeting. The last week has been a challenge to say the least. Below is a description of the project I was going to present to the Southern Region ANR leaders along my request for help.

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) of 1978 is designated formula funding for natural resources Extension programs to address the myriad of issues affecting natural resources extension including, but not limited to, forest and range management, water quality, wildlife, and water quality. It is authorized for a maximum of \$30 million annually but is only funded at approximately \$4 million annually.

In 2022, a team of natural resources extension specialists from around the country write a proposal to develop the next 5-year strategic plan for RREA. The team comprises a wide range of natural resources extension specialties, including forestry (traditional forestry and urban), wildlife, and range management. The goals of this project are to develop a new strategic plan to guide national RREA priorities, determine NR extension capacity nationwide, and determine future directions for NR Extension.

The team will send out a survey to the RREA list serve to collect information to address the topics listed above within the next month or so. This list serve will reach the person in your state who does the RREA annual reporting, along with RREA PI's (usually a Dean), and others. I will reach out to you to let you know when the survey is to be sent.

Our request is that you contact your RREA reporter to let them know this survey is coming and to encourage them to fill out the survey. The reporter may contact you, or other administrators, for information on FTE's and related information. Any cooperation you can provide in getting this information is greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

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2. Annual meeting update – Theme will be Extension Scholarship (10 mins)
  - a. Tour – Update Jason DeKoff has been working with U of F and Dr. Saqib Mukhtar to arrange 1) a behind the scenes tour of “The Land” at Disney, 2) The Orange County convention center – indoor agriculture demo, and 3) Citrus or other FL ag. farm tour.
  - b. Workshops on Extension Scholarship and developing Public Value Statements
  - c. Volunteers needed to participate in panel discussions
    - i. Developing Effective Program Teams – Possibility of Justin Rhinehart and Dan Goerlich (Program review and NTT promotion process)
    - ii. Extension Publication Best Practices – Mark McCann, others from Communication and Marketing (ideas?)
    - iii. Public value statements – Becky Barlow, Laura Perry Johnson

**POW reports (20 mins):**

1. *Fact finding mission to determine what is happening regarding natural disaster responsiveness and opportunities for collaboration.* Dan Goerlich – Nothing to report.
2. *Conduct a regional analysis of urban agriculture programs. Are there curricula we can duplicate and share?* Mark Blevins – Nothing to report.
3. *Plan joint meetings with North Central-Southern Region ANR Program Leaders. These will include topical quarterly virtual meetings and a potential in-person meeting.* Matt Burns, Vic Ford, Jay Harmon – Nothing to report.
4. *Team will continue to partner with Russ Garner and the SRDC heirs property working group as a POW. We will continue to increase our understanding as program leaders by inviting Russ/members of the SRDC to visit with the team over the next year. We will partner with the SRDC to find state champions of Heirs Property and to help distribute the information and training the SRDC has developed.* Micro grants from SRDC to get programs going. If representatives can submit names of those in their state who have been trained to Becky Barlow we can develop a contact list.

**Individual updates (15 mins):**

Vic Ford – Jackson County Extension Center dedication, and May 9, 2023 groundbreaking of the Northeast Rice Research and Extension Center’s headquarters building.

Dan Goerlich – Virginia Land and Energy Navigator for citing solar projects. This is a project that has been very well received. And if there is time on the agenda in August could present more information. <https://valen.ext.vt.edu/>

Jason de Koff – Team members at TSU who have gone through the SRDC heirs property training and are getting some funding to engage in programming in the state.