



MEETING DATE: September 15, 2020
NAME/DEPARTMENT/AGENCY: UF/IFAS Franklin County Extension Program
TOTAL ATTACHMENTS: None

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Extension Office Board Report

Informational Items

General Extension Activities:

1. During this period, the Extension office assisted citizens on the topics of soil test results, diagnosis on fungal disease on viburnum shrubs, pine beetle damage, and more.
2. Extension Director assisted with hosting a webinar by the Natural Resources Program Team on the topic of “Invasive Cogon Grass in the Florida Panhandle”.
3. Extension Director participated in the annual “Extension Professional’s Association of Florida” conference via a virtual platform this year. Conducted over a 3-day period.

Sea Grant Extension:

4. Extension Director participated in a webinar hosted by FSU’s Apalachicola Bay System Initiative team, as part of the Community Advisory Board membership.
5. Extension Director is coordinating with other Sea Grant agents who have seafood interests in their region to collaborate with FDACS, industry representation, and the ISSC to develop a virtual HACCP training module specifically for molluscan shellfish. An initial conference call between groups will take place soon.
6. Extension Director participated in conference/planning call with other members of the Apalachicola Bay Caucus as part of the larger ACF Stakeholders group.

4-H Youth Development:

7. 4-H clubs are still not meeting in-person due to the virus but a large number of programs are being conducted online with great success and high numbers of youth participating.

Family and Consumer Sciences:

8. Transition to a distance-learning platform continues for programs to use in the local schools.