News column for use week of February 5, 2024 Wade Reh, District Director, and Community Vitality Agent River Valley Extension District January 31, 2024

## You're Serving on a Board - Now What?

K-State Research and Extension – River Valley District is holding a Welcome A-Board: Board Leadership Basics series. If you are new to a local community-based board or feel you want a refresher, this program covers a number of topics to help board members and their organizations become more effective in their efforts.

The Welcome-A-Board Leadership Series is a four-part series offered once a week for four weeks. The course is designed to provide basic training for members of community-based boards. The goal is to foster informed and committed board members, which are key to healthy, effective boards and committees in our Kansas communities.

The Welcome-A-Board Leadership Series will provide an opportunity for board members to learn the basics of being a good board member. Whether you are a member of a church board, a township board, or a non-profit agency board, this training is appropriate for you.

The Program will be offered at the Clay Center Extension office from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The cost will be \$40 dollars per registration for the entire series. Registration is required.

The dates and topics to be covered include:

February 28 - how organized groups function and what is your role when asked to serve, the duties and responsibilities of non-profit board members, how to organize and lead productive meetings, effective meeting agendas, and basic parliamentary procedure.

March 5 - understanding and working with fellow board members, interacting with different generations, working with different behavioral styles, and managing conflict.

March 12 - financial responsibilities, fundraising, legalities, and ethics of non-profit boards.

March 19 - strategic planning for boards and groups.

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Wade Reh in the Clay Center Extension office at 785-632-5335 or <a href="www.wreh@ksu.edu">wreh@ksu.edu</a>. Please register by the end of the day February 26.

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