FIVE COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: 20 October2026

TIME: 6:30 – 9:00 PM ZUMC
Prepared by JMF, Co-Secretary

Presentation
Chris Hagwood presented on Preparing to overwinter bees (with specific focus on ventilation and insulation). Members had an opportunity to ask questions and look at the set up used in his apiary.

1. **Welcome**
   CM opened the meeting and welcomed the members.
   Chris discussed the open positions for the upcoming election year.

2. **Treasury (PM)**
   PM presented the monthly treasury report for membership to review. She also provided an update related to the honey inventory. HT reminded the group that the State Fair Honey will be released (2 lb. bottles to go into inventory).

3. **Apiary (TH)**
   TH discussed the upcoming Apiary work which includes Sugar feeding and OA treatments as well as continuing to get the bees ready for the winter season. He believes there was additional robbing going on and he will assess the situation on the next visit. TH reported that Adolphus reminded him that the annual state inspection has yet to be completed. Tim will reach out to Adolphus to arrange for next week. Members will be present if needed. TH will let the group know the date and time.
   TH announced that he wants to step down as apiary manager as it is becoming more difficult for him and would like anyone interested to come forward so he is able to pass on his knowledge to keep the apiary going.

4. **Queen Rearing Committee (AM/KM/RL/THA)**
   Andrea Mouw presented summary slides on behalf of the group for the grant project which is now complete. RL spoke about the importance and educational value. It was felt that although the grant obligation is completed the program show continue as part of our apiary program. The group is continuing to prepare for overwintering.

5. **State Fair (HT)**
   Holly presented the results of the State Fair. The overall result was good for the sweepstakes portion and booth did well. The monies won will be distributed to the winners.

6. Other Business (CM)

1. Bee School 2/13/27 – DS printed flyers to be placed at locations to increase awareness and attendance.
2. Greg Wolgemuth and Joanne MacFie volunteered to do the upcoming 1-hour presentation at Nash County Ag Center with the NC Extension and 4H program on 11/9/26. There is a NC state grant program that is being initiated in 2027.
3. Holiday Party- We need a chair or group of people to plan the event to be held at the December Meeting.

Reminder of Upcoming events:

State Fair Booth takedown is Monday 10/26, 9am.