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**University of Illinois Extension
Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion, and Washington Counties
Unit 23**

Multi-County Council Minutes
June 3, 2026; 11:30 am
@ Jefferson County Extension Office

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Mike Bruns at 11:35 a.m.

Roll Call:

Council members present answering to roll call included: Bernard Myers, Kathy Sherman, Nick Suess, Mike Bruns, Laura Wesselmann, Courtney Kabat, Jamie Storey, Greg Branch, Diane Keortge, Marcus Holland, Julie Karmeier, Julia Miessner, and Jeff Rabenort. Staff in attendance were Kara Boozer, Chris Lueking, Ashley Hoffman, Daniel Simonton, Allison Crocker, Amanda Fox-Clark, Courtney Beal, Kayla Powers, and Rhonda Mueller.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2026:

A Motion was made by Laura Wesselman with a second by Butch Myers to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Welcome and Introduction of members and guests:

The guests in attendance were Amanda Fox-Clark, Courtney Beal, Allison Crocker, Kayla Powers, Daniel Simonton and Rhonda Mueller – all being staff members of Unit 23.

County Director Updates

In the absence of County Director, Jordee Koehler, Kara Boozer addressed the group that most of the updates were reflected in the minutes that were presented from the April 1, 2026 meeting.

Next the outgoing council members were recognized for the service to the Multi-County Extension Board. Those members recognized were: Mike Bruns (Clinton County), Julia Miessner (Washington County) and Wesley Gozia (Marion).

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Meeting dates for the 2026-2027 year. The dates that were presented were:

August 5 – Clinton County
November 4 – Marion County
February 3 – Bond County
April 7 – Jefferson County
June 2 – Washington County

4-H Updates and review of missing gaps

Each Council member met with their respective county 4-H Extension Program Coordinator and had discussion regarding events and programs that are being planned for their respective county and were given the opportunity to provide feedback on any areas that should be addressed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.