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Serving Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell Counties

Extension Council Meeting Monday, Oct. 5, 2026; 12:00-1:00 P.M. Tazewell Extension Office, Pekin, IL

AGENDA

Call To Order – Kim

Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2026

New Business:

Council Introductions- all

- Council members
- New County Director
- Member tenures
- Election of Officers

Council Roles and Format- Kerry

- Roles: Advise, Connect, Identify, Promote, and Advocate
- Discussion re: best methods to achieve the above:
 - Council ideas/suggestions/requests/concerns
 - Working groups/sub-committees
 - Keep meetings at noon?

Administrative Updates - Kerry

- 2026 Holiday closure: Thursday, Dec. 24, 2026 - Friday, Jan.1, 2027. Offices to reopen on Monday, Jan. 4, 2027.
- Financial update- all budget requests were made in August and received good feedback from county boards. They had good questions and made some requests which have been passed along to appropriate staff.
- Staff update & searches:
 - Alicia Sandige joined the 4-H team in May, in Mason County.
 - We will be searching soon for a second 4-H Youth Development Educator (position has been vacant for a couple years).
 - Deb Balanga – transitioning to part-time as of February 2027

- Facility updates:
 - Mason office moved in July to the new Mason County Farm Bureau Building.
 - Peoria office likely moving to the new Peoria County Farm Bureau building in April of 2027

Other Business:

- Council member items:
- Approval of signatories for local account signature cards (approval and names need to be in the council minutes)
 - Fulton/Mason –
 - Aaron Dufelmeier- remove as of Oct. 5, 2026;
 - Kerry Keating- add as of Oct. 5, 2026
 - Alicia Sandidge- add as of Oct. 5, 2026
 - Ainsley Olsen- add as of Oct. 5, 2026
 - Kaytlin Lehman- add as of Oct. 5, 2026
 - Continuation: Krista Gray, Richard Proffer, and Brittany Chambers
 - Peoria/Tazewell –
 - Aaron Dufelmeier- remove as of Oct. 5, 2026;
 - Kerry Keating- add as of Oct. 5, 2026
 - Continuation: Judy Schmidt, Kristi Smith, Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle, Anita Wilkinson, Rebecca Crumrine, Abbie Phillips, and Lynda Sharp-Lower.

Next Meeting (suggested): Monday, February 1st, 2027