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University of Illinois Extension Council Meeting

Serving Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, and Wayne counties

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Edwards County Farm Bureau Meeting Room

15 S. 5th Street

Albion, IL 62806

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Karissa Anderson, Jim Brewer, Paul Bruinsma, Julie Clodfelter, Kim Fisher, Tonya Potts, Andrea Puckett, Doug Raber, Lily Simpson, Matthew St. Ledger

Members Absent: Justine Basnett, Haleigh Buchanan, Seth Clodfelter, Megan Daugherty, Michelle Piller

Staff Members Present: Tara Buerster, Katie Bell, Samantha Gaither

CALL TO ORDER

Jim Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 6, 2024, meeting was reviewed by the council. Doug Raber made a motion to approve the minutes, Kim Fisher seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

REAL COLORS FOUNDATION TRAINING

Samantha Gaither and Katie Bell presented the Real Colors Foundation Training program to Council and Council members participated in the assessment and training process.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Tara Buerster shared agreement money and donations are coming in timely. She also shared that they have received levy information on all five counties and she and staff have scheduled to attend county board meetings in the spring to report to County Board's and get new year agreements signed.

STAFF REPORTS

- **AG Report:** Katie provided a written report and shared information on the recently completed Agronomy Summit in Edwards County and upcoming activities in Lawrence County.
- **4-H/Youth Development:** Samantha provided a written report and shared activities each county 4-H had been providing and information on our upcoming Unit Public Speaking Contest and Lawrence County Healthfest.
- **County Director/Unit:** Tara provided a written report and shared state and national events she is working on or attending. She also reviewed current staff openings and building updates within the unit. She also shared the unit is receiving increases from both Edwards and Lawrence counties for 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

March 12th at 6 p.m.

May 7th at 6 p.m.

ADJOURN

Julie Clodfelter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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