

DeWitt-Macon-Piatt County Extension Council
Minutes for April 28th, 2025
6:00 pm at Dewitt County Extension Office

6:10 pm - Call to Order – Jerry Edwards

Welcome and introduction

Sonya Anthony	
Janet Boomer	Present
Anthony Cheatham	
Grace Clark	
Cassie Crouch	
Morgan Crouch	
Wayne Dunning	Present
Jerry Edwards	Present
Todd Henricks	Present
Merry Lanker	
Jennifer Jamison	
Mike Randall	
Annilee Rohrscheib	Present
Sydnee Shafer	Present

Haley Jones- staff	Present
Doug Gucker- staff	Present
Sarah Vogel- staff	Present
Caitlin Mellendorf- staff	Present
Jamie Boas- staff	Present
Alexa McCoy- staff	Present
Henry Craft- staff	Present

There were no public comments.

Read & Approve January 2025 minutes

Minutes were read and approved.

Fiscal Update – Jamie Boas

Jamie informed the board that the State is current on their payments and the federal levels of support will remain the same. There was some discussion regarding SNAP-Ed, but as of right now, the program is still fully funded and running smoothly. The budget is due to the state in June – Jamie is currently working on this and will have it submitted by the deadline.

Personnel Update – Jamie Boas

The unit will be hiring two new horticultural employees, one being Amberlee Seitz that will serve as extra hands to Sarah Vogel regarding programming and clerical work, the other being Emma Rose Schnitzler, who will serve as the unit's horticulture intern. She is a U of I student. The internship is funded by Extension administration.

The unit will also be hiring (today) Leighton Burcham to serve as the financial education extra help.

The SNAP-Ed educator position is still currently accepting application. The application window closes May 9th – there are currently 12 applications. This position is housed in Decatur.

Other Business

The new Dewitt office is still in the works, with the new conference room and most offices updated and ready for use. The parking lot will be paved and resurfaced starting tomorrow, 4/29.

Our November 2025 meeting will be held in Decatur.

Board members participated in group sessions with 2-3 educators regarding the counties needs assessment project. The groups covered 6 topics each – community, economy, environment, food & agriculture, health and technology & discovery. Each group discussed the impacts these topics have in their communities, the downfalls/perks of each category, and brainstormed ideas and opportunities to improve on certain aspects of each in their communities.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.