

## **4-H Youth Committee Meeting – Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle Counties**

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 6:30 pm (Zoom Meeting)

### **Minutes**

Introductions were made, and the committee's purpose was reviewed.

4-H staff serving Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle Counties were present, joined by one committee member, Lillian Hetland.

The topic of discussion was Youth Engagement. Staff posed specific questions to the committee member pertaining to how 4-H staff can better engage and support local youth. The discussion addressed how to get non-joiners to join, what youth do for entertainment, leveraging youth's sports commitments for 4-H experiences that are meaningful to them, what volunteer experiences youth are seeking, youth preferences pertaining to peer-to-peer learning, where youth primarily get their information, and what opportunities best support youth in their high school to college transition.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

The meeting concluded at 7:12 pm