

University of Illinois Extension Council and Board

Minutes: May 20, 2024

The annual meeting of the Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren Counties Extension Board was held at the Warren County Extension Office on May 20, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mike Pearson at 6:11 p.m.

In attendance representing the county boards were: Scott Schwerer (McDonough), Mike Pearson (Warren), Tim Bresnahan (Warren), and Brad Flack (Henderson).

Council Members: Kailey Foster, Ross Vancil, Sabrina Wilson, George Mangalaraj, Gina Sanberg, Kim Brannon-Sibley, Cadance Miller-Fosmore, Gorette (GoGo) Kupa, Danielle Defenbaugh, and Hayden Beard.

Staff: Tessa Hobbs- Curley, Carrie McKillip, Michelle Kim, Lisa Torrance, and Shelby Carlson.

A motion was made by Scott Schwerer to approve the annual budget and seconded by Tim Bresnahan. Motion passed and budget was approved.

A motion to adjourn the Extension Board meeting was made by Scott Schwerer and seconded by Brad Flack. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:22p.m.

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In attendance were council members: Kailey Foster, Ross Vancil, Sabrina Wilson, George Mangalaraj, Gina Sanberg, Kim Brannon-Sibley, Cadance Miller-Fosmore, Gorette Kupa, Danielle Defenbaugh, and Hayden Beard and staff: Tessa Hobbs- Curley, Carrie McKillip, Michelle Kim, Lisa Torrance, and Shelby Carlson.

There was no public comment.

Meeting minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Gina made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sabrina seconded. Minutes approved.

Fiscal reports from January-April of 2024 were presented. Danielle made a motion to approve the fiscal reports. Sabrina seconded. Reports approved.

Lisa Torrance shared staffing updates with Council including the hiring of Michelle Kim as the new CED Educator, the possibility of hiring an NREE Educator in Coordination with Knox College and the City of Galesburg, and that the first of summer extra help will start May 20.

In Council Reports, Ross shared that he went to the Capitol with the Youth Leadership Team for Legislative connection. He also shared that the Junior Leadership Conference will take place in November, and that there will once again be a canned food drive at State Fair. George shared that he is trying to get a FTC Robotics team going at WIU. Kim took students to the 4-H College Road Trip in March. She will also take 6-8 students to Illini Summer Academies in June. GoGo was also able to attend ag

legislative day and spoke with many people from Extension. She also would like to offer Extension classes to those who participate in her community garden through La Panda.

Staffing reports were shared verbally as well as through the "5 Things" document. A programming calendar will be emailed out by Lisa after the staff meetings next week.

Old Business:

Open Meetings Act training is required. Members can email Lisa for the link.

Remaining holidays in 2024 include: May 27, June 19, July 4.

Remaining Council meetings: August 26 and November 25.

The In/Out accounts were successfully transferred to Clocktower Bank in Macomb.

The unit Civil Rights three-year audit will take place on May 23.

Campus is still working through Strategic Planning for Extension.

New Business:

The new State Extension Building on Campus is delayed in being built with a projected date of 2027.

The new Extension Council Calendar will follow the calendar year. Members will stay on through end of the calendar year.

Lisa reviewed House Bill 5792 which is requesting a \$5 million increase to the Extension budget.

There is a possibility that offices will be closed on July 5 as staff extend their 4th of July holiday.

A motion was made by Gina to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Danielle. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 26 in Warren County. Those interested in speaking to the Extension Council under Public Comments must contact Lisa Torrance 24 hours prior to the meeting for details regarding their presentation.