

**University of Illinois Extension**  
**DeWitt-Macon-Piatt County Extension Council Agenda**  
**February 13, 2023**  
**6:30 pm**  
Zoom Meeting

6:31 pm - Call to Order – Cassie Crouch

**Members Present:** Sonya Anthony, Angi Carter, Cassie Crouch, Taylor Crouch, Kathi Drozs, Merry Lanker, Mike Randall,

**Staff Present:** Doug Gucker

**Guest:** Janet Boomer - Macon Co Master Gardner Master Naturalists

No Public Comments

Approval of November 2022 meeting minutes

**Motioned to approve by Sonya      2nd Merry                      Motion Passes**

Extension Updates- Jamie Boas

**Position Openings**

- Macon County 4-H EPC  
Marisa Capps (SNAP-Ed community worker will transition)
- Will open 2 community worker positions soon (Both Snap Ed)
- DeWitt County Family and Consumer Science EPC- closes 2/12

This is part of our Unit Spend down - Unit will use the stored resources to create this and manage it. Eventually it will just be a part of the budget.

- DeWitt & Piatt 4-H Youth Development position- closes 2/15 (Actually still open until 2/20)

**Educator Updates:** Emailed the handout reports for committee to evaluate. VERY HELPFUL!

- 4-H Youth Development- Ben Steele
  
- Horticulture- Sarah Vogel- State Award, Revamping of the website, 12 Extension supported gardens
- Small Farms/Local Foods/Ag- Doug Gucker
- Nutrition and Wellness- Caitlin Mellendorf- 7,000lbs of venison in the state handed out through extension to food banks and pantries.
- SNAP-Ed- Louise Hyneman-Working with Nutrition and Wellness to create food pantry handouts.

Financial Update – Jamie Boas

- FY23 Financial Report- January

**Motion Made by Mike      2nd by Merry      Motion Passed**

- Need to add Jamie Boas to the Macon County checking account (leave Ben Steele, Caitlin Mellendorf, Doug Gucker and Sarah Vogel on the account)

**Motion Made by Mike Randall      2nd by [Angi Carter](#)      Motion Passed**

#### Old Business

- Needs assessment update from educators  
Louise - good success with Snap Ed  
Location and accessibility was a major concern for those that use or could use the services provided.

#### New Business

- Discussion about creating a space in Decatur for 4-H and SNAP-Ed  
Need assessment in the 4-H and Snap Ed sectors for a space to house up to 2-4 staff members and 2 secretaries for ease of operation and community engagement.  
Snap Ed would need a commercial kitchen  
Looking at commercial spaces around Millikin  
Concerns:  
Staff and participant safety  
Access to the building  
Main office would stay at Richland Campus  
Expense of rental  
Purchasing of the building  
Square footage needs for future growth.

#### Adjournment

**Next Extension Council Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:30p.m.**

**Adjourned 7:47 pm**

**Motion to Adjourn Mike      2nd by Merry      Motion Approved**

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Taylor Crouch**

**Maroa Livestock 4-H**

**Extension Council Secretary**