

DeWitt-Macon-Piatt County Extension Council

Minutes for May 20th, 2024

6:00 pm at Piatt County Office

6:02 pm - Call to Order – Cassie Crouch Welcome and introductions

Members Present: Janet Boomer, Brooks Brown, Cassie Crouch, Taylor Crouch, Kathie Drozs, Wayne Dunning, Jerry Edwards, Merry Lanker, Tayisha Nelson, Mike Randall, Cheryl Sample, Sydnee Shafer

Staff Present: Ben Stelle, Doug Gucker, Sarah Vogel, Caitlin Mellendorf, Jamie Boas, Henry Craft

There were no public comments.

Members were invited to review minutes from February 2024. Jerry moved and Merry second to approve. Motion passed.

County Director report – Jamie Boas

Two 4-H clubs (A & O Producers and Macon County Round Ups) have folded and their bank accounts need to be closed that are no longer in use. There is approximately \$548.00 in the A&O account and \$374.00. Once closed, the funds will go into the Extension's account. Jamie will resolve these accounts upon board approval. Jerry moved that Jamie Boas, Extension County Director, should close the bank accounts opened by A & O Producers and Macon County Round Ups. The funds should be deposited into the unit Extension's account.

Motion was second by Sydnee. Motion carried.

Changing start of extension council terms – We will be switching to calendar year schedule starting in January 2025. There will be a report prepared in the fall of 2024 prior to the start of terms in 2025. We will continue to rotate through counties for meeting spaces, and still offer a zoom option.

Personnel Update – Jamie Boas

Dewitt Office Support Specialist – closed without hire.

Dewitt Office Support Assistant – will do two rounds of interviews with hope to hire by July
Macon County 4-H EPC - position is not currently open.

Macon County SNAP-Ed Community Workers – discussed the requirements/opportunities for this position.

Other Business

Thank you to those going off the Unit Council – Kathi Drozs, April Gum, Brooks Brown, Taylor Crouch, Tayisha Nelson, Kaydance Wooten.

Dewitt County Extension office – The Extension office will be moving to part of the Flower Corner building. There are three offices in the new space. They will be residing the building, repaving the parking lot, and eventually adding on to give us another office and storage space.

4-H Youth Development program highlights & breakout discussion –

Ben and Henry shared with the group what 4-H has been sharing in the classroom this school year, as well as what programs they're looking forward to this summer. Henry shared his successes in the classroom regarding the *Welcome to the Real World* program, and Ben shared about the chess club and Mindfulness Me programs. Discussion was then opened up to the board regarding any programming ideas for the upcoming school year – farm visits for students, continued *Welcome to the Real World* programming, and college prep were some ideas discussed.

Adjournment – Motion by Jerry 2nd by Cheryl Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm

Submitted by Sydnee Shafer, Secretary