



**University of Illinois Extension – Bureau, La Salle, Marshall, and Putnam  
Multi County Unit Council Meeting Minutes. June 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m.  
Illinois Valley Community College, CTC 124**

The June 6, 2023 meeting of the Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Extension Unit Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Monico Nunez. Monico Nunez welcomed everyone. Roll Call was taken.

**Attendance:**

Council Members Present: Jeralyn Backes, Monico Nunez, Francis Morse, Douglas Stockley, Mary Ann Waits, Luke Holly, Kathryn Erjavsek, Arratta Znaniecki.

Staff Present: County Director Erin Orwig, 4-H EPC, Anne Scheel

Guests: Samantha and Ms. Naumann, Myracle and Ms. Johnson

**Minutes for March 28, 2023:**

- Doug Stockley moved to accept the March 28 minutes as written. Luke Holly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Francis Morse presented the In and Out Account Reports and Banner Reports. The In and Out Account Reports were approved as presented. Motion to approve by Mary Ann Waits and second by Jeralyn Backes. Motion carried.

**4-H Members Presentations**

- Samantha Naumann (M/P) and Myracle Johnson (LaSalle) spoke to the Council about their involvement in 4-H. Samantha spoke about how her Sports Nutrition project was 2<sup>nd</sup> at the State Fair and really opened her up to a career in Dietetics or Nutrition. She has also done projects in woodworking and etymology. Myracle has served in many leadership roles for her clubs. She has 14 projects this year including food preservation and fiber arts. She brought an example of her fiber art and treasure from trash project to show the council members. Both girls were excellent presenters and both recognized 4-H as a way they have developed those skills.

**Organizational Reports**

1. **Three Year Compliance Plan:** (reported by Erin Orwig)
  - Reviewed on April 25.
  - Action Plan regarding Opportunities for Improvement submitted June 1.
2. **Program Reports:** Reports were mailed. (reported by Erin Orwig)
  - 4-H & Youth Development, 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinators.
  - 4-H & Youth Development Educator, Beth Dellatori.
  - Ag in the Classroom, Sarah Poignant.

- Nutrition & Wellness Program Educator, Susan Glassman.
  - Illinois Nutrition Education/SNAP-Ed Program, Sherry Todas and Jani Kidd.
  - Agriculture and Agribusiness, Daryle Wragge.
3. **Outreach Efforts:** (reported by Erin Orwig). Erin Orwig reviewed outreach programming for the Unit. This also demonstrated our civil rights compliance for reaching out to target audiences.
- The search continues for someone to lead the 4-H Latino Program Grant at DePue Schools. Erin is meeting with Lisa Diaz, 4-H Program Leader, on June 7 to discuss the position and how to move forward.
    - Jeralyn Backes and Monico Nunez have strong ties to the DePue community and offered to help with recruiting.
  - SNAP-Ed Grant/Illinois Nutrition Education Programs continue with at-risk audiences throughout the Unit. This summer they have Illinois Junior Chef programs in Manlius, Neponset, Ottawa, Marseilles, Oglesby, and Spring Valley.

**Old Business:**

- We have an opening that remains for a Council member in Marshall County.
  - Council members may need to vote via email for a new member before the September meeting.
- Budget and Nominating Committee.
  - Re-appointments for second, two-year term
    - Monico Nunez
    - Francis Morse
    - Steve Tufts
    - Mary Ann Waits
  - Motion to approve by Doug Stockley and seconded by Luke Holly. Motion passed.
- Arratta Znaniecki is representing LaSalle County on our Council.
- Council members present completed the Composition Grid. Those absent will be emailed the grid to complete and return to Erin Orwig.

**New Business:**

- Recognition of Outgoing Council Member
  - Carla Schaer
- SNAP-Ed Community Outreach Worker, Daniela McConville has accepted the position. Once her paperwork is complete a start date will be set. She will help cover the LaSalle, Mendota, and Oglesby area.
- SNAP-Ed Educator position open until June 13.
- Agriculture and Agribusiness Educator position open until June 14.
- EPC-4-H and Youth Development position open until June 15.
- EPC-Marketing position open until June 22.
- Erin will contact Pam Schallhorn about any help a CED Educator might be for helping with the local hospitals closing.
  - Douglas Stockley also mentioned the possibility of our council meeting with other units to see how they address issues like the healthcare facilities

closing.

**2022/2023 Meeting Dates:**

- September 26, 2023.
  - Erin Orwig will try to get some representatives from food pantries our staff have assisted over the years.
- All meetings will begin at 6pm.

**The next meeting date:**

- September 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Location; IVCC room CTC 124.

Francis Morse moved to adjourn the meeting and Jeralyn Backes 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Erjavsek