

Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit

Tazewell County Extension Board Committee Meeting

Minutes – August 8, 2023

The August 2023 Tazewell County Extension Board Committee levy request meeting was called to order by Earl Allen, County Extension Director, at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at the Tazewell County Farm Bureau board room in Pekin. Board members present were County Extension Director Earl Allen, Tazewell County Board members Greg Sinn, and U of I Extension Council members Holly Koch and Emily Rogier. Also attending was Tazewell County Administrator Mike Deluhery. Dave Mingus was not in attendance.

Earl welcomed the participants and thanked everyone for participating and serving.

Minutes from the August 17, 2022 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Greg and seconded by Holly to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Earl presented and reviewed the draft FY25 Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit Extension budget containing the FY24 Tazewell County Board levy request. The group engaged in a discussion of the University of Illinois Extension and Tazewell County board fiscal situations. Earl requested a levy amount increase of \$3000 to continue restoration of the 10% reduction from 3 years ago. He wants to continue gradually restoring the levy amount back to the level before the COVID pandemic, and then leave the levy flat for an ongoing time assuming the Extension fiscal situation remains strong.

A motion was made by Emily and seconded by Greg to forward the budget and a \$148,000 levy request to the Tazewell County Board Finance Committee. The group supports increasing this amount to restore more of the FY21 budget reduction. The motion carried.

Recent Extension program activities in Tazewell County and the four county unit were discussed.

There being no further business to be brought before the meeting, the group adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Earl Allen, University of Illinois County Extension Director for the Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit.