



Serving Boone, DeKalb, and Ogle Counties

**Extension Advisory Council MINUTES
Natural Resources, Environment, and Energy (NREE)
June 21, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Our Mission: To help our communities recognize their sustainability is directly related to the sustainability of their natural resources.

1. Welcome – Peggy Doty, Educator NREE
2. Members–
 - a. Boone County – Dan Kane, Lisa Mund, and Barb Wych
 - b. DeKalb County – Jodi Gudewicz, Anita Zurbrugg, and Jeff Woodyatt
 - c. Ogle County – Kayse Rushford
3. Impact Report 2022 – (see attached)
4. Wheaton Franciscan Grant, Year 2
5. NREE Programming and Updates
 - a. NREC staff update
 - i. Charlotte Salis, AmeriCorps
 - ii. Hope Nordbrock, Intern
 - b. Land Use Committee update– Peggy and Jeff gave an update on EPA watershed grant #3in DeKalb County. This grant will be Genoa, Kingston, and Kirkland
 - c. Master Watershed Stewards fall program – Dan gave an update and how the pilot program will serve the Boone County MS4 education requirement as well as educate local leaders.
 - d. Camp update – Peggy just gave the group a camp overview and that staffing was in place for this summer.
 - e. Augmented Reality Sand Table coming soon!!
6. Suggestions from the council members.
 - a. Your involvement in programs related to NREE is always welcome.
 - i. If you were a volunteer-
 - ii. Share any successful organizations who use consistent volunteer support. – Barb spoke of the MNs in Extension. We agreed there is still much more that could be done to support our MN volunteers.
 - b. Do any members want to volunteer for activities in Unit 2? Barb likes to do NatureFest each year and encouraged the group to participate. Anita, who volunteers for the event, agreed.
7. Ideas for additional advisory members – continued
 - a. Brainstorm people with natural resource related interest. – With no ideas today, Peggy asked that the group consider people they know in each county for the next meeting.

8. Dates for 2023 quarterly meetings. Conflicts with winter SWCD meetings.
 - a. March 16th @ 6:30 pm via Zoom (today's meeting)
 - b. June 21st @ 7:00 pm via Zoom a change of time (*members terms up after this meeting except for Barb and Jeff*)
 - c. September 26th @ 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Fatty's in Dekalb. In person full advisory (Whole Unit Council) **Fatty's Pub & Grille, 1312 W Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL 60115**
 - d. December 13th @ 6:30 pm via Zoom

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