



**Illinois Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

## **Extension Council Meeting Minutes**

December 7, 2023

**Time and Place:** The Extension Council Board meeting was held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at the Coles County Extension Office.

**Participants:** The following members were in attendance: Dustin Hay, Denise Corray, Gary Gergeni, Scott Seegmiller, Tom Webb, Travis Phelps, and Jessie McClusky, County Director. Also in attendance were Ross Osterday, Meredith Probst, and Morgan Jones.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm, and a quorum of the Board was present. Dustin Hay called the meeting to order, and Denise Corray kept the meeting minutes.

**Approval of September 7, 2023 minutes:** Tom Webb motioned to approve the September minutes, and Scott Seegmiller seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Program Spotlight:**

Ross Osterday from the SNAP-Ed program provided an overview of the program for the Committee members.

- Eat. Move. Save program was explained – SNAP-Ed conducts training at food pantries on healthy eating, smart grocery shopping, and exercise.
- Deer donation program update: 155 deer were donated this year.

### **Extension Presentation/Activity:**

- Ross Osterday led the group in an activity that measured ingredients.

### **Appointments:**

Appointments were recommended as follows:

- Extension Council Vice Chair (Jim Sparks resigned) – Tom Webb volunteered. The vote was unanimous with three ayes and one abstain (Tom Webb).
- Douglas County Ag Center Board: Elizabeth Mitzdarffer (One 3-year term) – after much discussion, Tom Webb moved to table the vote until the committee has more information, and Gary Gergeni seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Programs – met, and Jessie provided a list of all programs executed this year
- Marketing – no meeting
- Membership – Need more members, and review bylaws
- Financial – Jessie gave a year-to-date update on the budget

**Old Business:**

- Extension position updates:
  - 4-H Youth Development Educator – close to making a job offer
  - Cumberland 4-H Coordinator – still open
  - Morgan Jones – accepted the Marketing position
- Committee Schedule – Committees should meet one hour before the next Council meeting

**New Business:**

- Extension updates:
  - Jessie shared information about the following programs in the packets provided to the board: Family Life, 4-H Youth Development, Environmental Programs, SNAP-Ed, and upcoming events for the next two months.
  - 2,000 pounds of deer have been donated to date
  - Several Extension employees received awards
  - An update on the Plan of Work was provided
  - Several trainings are planned for the near future, including an inclusivity training and DISC follow-up
  - There is a Youth Ag fundraiser on 12/8 with proceeds going to FFA and 4-H

**Comments from the Chair:**

- Dustin Hay updated the members on his County Fair attendance over the summer and said there was a great turnout in showings
- He also looks forward to what this committee can accomplish in the future

**Executive Session:** NONE

**Public Comments:** NONE

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Seegmiller, and Tom Webb seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.