



Extension Board Meeting
Ogle County 4-H General Projects Judging Day
Ogle County Fairgrounds, 1440 N Limekiln Rd, Oregon IL
Saturday, July 27, 2024, 1:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Introduction: Present: Ogle County Board members, Rick Fritz and Lyle Hopkins, Heather Coyle, and Teresa Schwarz. Not present: Stan Asp
2. County Needs Discussion: The value of Extension to local communities and the needs of DeKalb County were discussed. Themes included continued youth development, mental health outreach, agriculture business and sustainability, agriculture education, natural resources (soil and water), and minority and new audiences. The Hometown Leaders program that took place in Boone and DeKalb Counties was a topic of conversation as well as getting more youth involved in civic engagement opportunities. She explained that we are excited to offer the program in Ogle County in the future. She discussed the idea of bringing back the Great Debate program into the civic engagement topic also. She gave an overview of staffing updates in the Ogle County Extension office. Water sustainability and resources in DeKalb County was discussed and the Paddle and Learn program, where Extension is training the educators on water and watershed curriculum in their classroom. Heather also stated that there are funds coming from the state for an agriculture educator in every unit. She asked Rick and Lyle to think about what specialization for this educator would fill the biggest gap? She stated that both soils and agribusiness have been the top two areas of specialization that have come up.
3. Toured 4-H General Projects exhibits that were already judged. Interviewed several volunteer judges to see why they want to be involved in 4-H, and what keeps them coming back each year.
4. Budget Materials
 - a. Financial Statement
 - b. Rationale
 - c. Impact Report
 - d. County Funding Request- Extension Board members, Rick Fritz and Lyle Hopkins were present and agreed with the request of \$130,000 from Ogle County.
5. Lunch, Adjourned at 3:20PM

Council Roles Summarized: * Linking University of Illinois Extension with local leadership, communities, agencies, and organizations.

* Supporting and advocating for Extension programs. Identifying needs and potential resources (human, financial, physical).

* Advise the program planning and implementation processes. * Assuring council membership represents all segments in counties served. * Assuring program outreach meets equal opportunity and program access guidelines.