



**University of Illinois Extension – Bureau, La Salle, Marshall, and Putnam
Multi County Unit Council Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Illinois Valley Community College, CTC 124**

The June 4, 2024 meeting of the Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Extension Unit Council was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairperson Monico Nunez. Monico Nunez welcomed everyone. Roll Call was taken.

Attendance:

Council Members Present: Monico Nunez, Francis Morse, Douglas Stockley, Elmer Walter, Debbie Buffington, Steve Tuftie, Arratta Znaniecki, Kathryn Erjavsek, and Mary Ann Waits.

Staff Present: County Director Erin Orwig, 4-H EPC for M/P Anne Scheel

Minutes for March 26, 2024:

- Francis Morse moved to accept the March 26 minutes as written. Doug Stockley 2nd. 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 Kathryn Erjavsek and second by Debbie Buffington. Motion carried.

Shooting Sports Representatives:

- Lilliana Bernabei, LaSalle County, spoke about how she got started in Shooting Sports by going with her brother to his practices and the leader asked her if she wanted to try it out. She fell in love with the sport and has competed since. She does air rifle and .22. She participated with the state team last year and earned 10th place while the team placed 2nd overall. She plans to learn shotgun this year.
- Anne Scheel, M/P 4-H EPC, spoke about how the Summer Sizzle Shoot started in her counties as the first of its kind in the state. It was very successful, and the state has copied her model for other competitions around the state. Prior to the event, kids were just able to present a poster at the 4-H show about what they learned. Now they can compete with the skills they learned as well. This year’s Summer Sizzle Shoot was held on June 1 with 65 kids.

Organizational Reports

1. **Program Reports:** Quarterly newsletter link was emailed. (reported by Erin Orwig)
 - 4-H & Youth Development Educator, Beth Dellatori.
 - Ag in the Classroom, Katharine Girone.
 - Nutrition & Wellness Program Educator, Susan Glassman.
 - Illinois Nutrition Education/SNAP-Ed Educator, Patrobas Wafula.

- Commercial Agriculture Educator, Emily Hansen.

2. **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.

- Beth Dellatori is starting talks with a representative in DePue for a community garden.

Old Business:

- Nominating Committees
 - New council members must be in place by January 1, 2025 (changed from last year)
 - Erin will follow up with 2 year council members for their commitment for a second term.

New Business:

- Interviews were held May 24 and 28 for the Office Support Associate position in LaSalle County.
- Kristin Ingrim will start June 10 as the Community Outreach Worker in LaSalle County.
- Extension Day in Springfield on May 7.
 - The additional \$5 million requested from the state will likely not happen for this fiscal year. Campus does plan to request the money for the following budget year negotiations.

Other Items/Announcements:

- Erin will ask staff involved in the Growing Together Illinois project to speak at the September meeting.

The next meeting date:

- September 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM. Location; IVCC room CTC 124.

Francis Morse moved to adjourn the meeting and Mary Ann 2nd. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Erjavsek