



# Illinois Extension

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**University of Illinois Extension  
Sangamon, Menard, and Logan Counties  
Extension Council & Board Meeting Agenda  
June 27, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.  
700 S. Airport Dr., Springfield, IL 62707**

- **Call to Order** – David Mendenhall called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- **Previous Meeting Minutes**  
Council members review the minutes from the June 2024 meeting. A motion was made by Elise Ransdell and seconded by Brad Miller to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Introductions of Members and Guests**  
Those present took a moment to introduce themselves.
- **Recruitment of New Council Members** - Elise Ransdell (Sangamon) will be leaving council in October.  
Casey mentioned that there is currently an open seat on the council, and she is seeking diverse voices to join, including individuals who may not be familiar with Extension but can offer a fresh perspective. She asked council members to contact her if they know anyone who could represent these audiences and bring valuable experience. Additionally, Michelle Whipple, the Sangamon County 4-H Metro Educator, has been in touch with someone from Springfield who may be interested in serving.
- **Fiscal**  
FY2025 will begin on July 1. The budget has been submitted to campus. 2025 levy requests for all three counties will be sent out in late July or early August. These requests will seek the same funding as last year, with a 3.4% increase to account for the annual CPI adjustment.
- **Program Updates**  
Casey shared that summer 4-H programs are in full swing across all three counties, with preparations underway for the upcoming 4-H shows. Sangamon County's show weekend is scheduled for June 29 and 30, Menard County's Livestock 4-H shows will take place from July 15 to 20, and Logan County's 4-H shows will run from July 28 to August 4. She also highlighted an exciting update: for the first time, Menard County has enough Clover Buds to hold their own show at the Menard County Fair on Sunday, July 14.

- **Staffing Update**

There are currently two open SNAP-Ed Community Worker positions, both in Sangamon County.

Sangamon County 4-H EPC position – Casey reported that Amy Zepp, Sangamon County 4-H Program Coordinator, took a new position with the Regional Extension office as a communications coordinator, leaving an opening in that position. The job has been posted to the job board and the application period is open until 6 pm on July 5. Casey encouraged the Council members to share the opportunity with their network.

- **Reaching New Audiences/Meeting Community Need**

Casey then opened the floor for everyone to share updates from their communities or relevant information for Extension. David Mendenhall provided an update on the Sangamon County Board's Farm-to-Fork program, highlighting the progress made so far. He mentioned that Pawnee School participated last year, and two additional schools, along with an elder care facility, are looking to join the program this year. Casey added that she and Reagen Tibbs, the Unit Commercial Ag Educator, are excited about an upcoming meeting to explore how Extension can support the program.

- **Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday, October 17, 2024 – 7 PM (Lincoln, Logan County Extension Office)

- **Adjournment** – A motion was made Elise Ransdell and seconded by Danial Fulton to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.