



Extension Council Meeting Draft Minutes
Thursday, October 29, 2020
6:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions (Chair Don): attending were Jeff White, Margaret Larson, Don Kowolski, Ray Massingill, Ethan Trampel, Deb Lischwe, Beth Baranski, Mia Chase
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from April meeting (Chair Don): Agenda—motion to approve by Beth; second by Ray; passed by vote. Minutes—motion to approve by Beth, Second by Ethan; passed by vote.
3. Council Members Check In (what's new?): Everyone shared what they have been doing recently.
4. Staffing Update (Unit and Statewide): Margaret reported that a new Regional Economic Development Educator has been hired (Joseph Maluel). In Unit 1, Mia Chase resigned in September but will still be involved. Stacy Cwiklo resigned in May. Becky Gocken will be moving from Stephenson County to Winnebago County.
5. Update local and state funding for Unit 1: lots of uncertainty but Margaret met with the Jo Daviess County Board committee in August and our funding will remain intact. The Stephenson County Board has recommended that the \$190,000 in annual funding should remain in place.
6. Next Meeting (December?) Meetings with educators and 4-H staff via Zoom: it was decided that meetings with educators and 4-H staff would be set up depending on everyone's calendars. It will give everyone a chance to do a deep dive into various topics as the meeting occur. Meetings will be set up individually and members will be able to participate based on their availability.