

Unit 27 Extension Board  
February 13, 2025

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Jody Johnson at 10:070am. Verbal introductions were made around the table and **civil rights information slips were circulated around the room.**

**2. Introductions**

Extension Board members present:

Alexander/Pulaski	Johnson	Massac	Union
Curtis Marshall	Evan Coulson John McCuan Chesley Williams		Chuck Weilmuenster

Staff present: County Director Jody Johnson, Monica Meyer

Meeting minutes from May 23, 2024, were reviewed. Motion made by Evan Coulson and seconded by John McCuan to approve prior minutes. Motion carried.

**3. Membership**

- Discussion on board membership roles and responsibilities.

**4. FY25/FY26 Budget Review**

- **Financial Overview:**
  - Review of current funding sources, including federal, state, county, grants, and donations.
  - Emphasis on maintaining fiscal responsibility and diversifying funding streams.
  - Discussion on concerns regarding the trust account balance, aiming to increase stability.
- **Funding Requests:**
  - Motion made by John McCuan and seconded by Evan Coulson to maintain existing funding levels from each county.
  - Unanimous approval.

- **Grant Updates:**
  - Updates provided on multiple grants, including those from USDA and ICJIA.
  - Discussion on the upcoming expiration of certain grants and strategies to secure additional funding.
- **Program Impact:**
  - Emphasis on return on investment for tax dollars, citing a 10:1 return for every dollar invested.
  - Discussion on 4-H expansion, school programming, and preparedness initiatives.

## 5. General Discussion

- **Extension Programs & Impact:**
  - Updates on 4-H program growth and increased engagement with schools.
  - Discussion on community preparedness initiatives and the importance of local response strategies.
- **County Commission Support & Relations:**
  - Explanation of how county funds are used efficiently.
  - Reflection on past funding cuts and strategies for maintaining strong relationships with commissioners.

## 6. Q&A / Comments

- Open floor for additional questions or comments from attendees.
- Positive feedback on funding transparency and program expansion.

## 7. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Evan Coulson and seconded by John McCuan.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:52am.

Respectfully submitted:  
 Monica Meyer  
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 For Unit 27 Extension Board