

**University of Illinois Extension Unit 3**  
Council Meeting/Zoom Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2021  
6:30 p.m. Zoom Meeting

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the University of Illinois Extension Unit 3 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 28, 2021 on a Zoom meeting platform by James Reeves.

**Present:**

Dawn & Gina Scichowski, Addison Gjelsten (via e-mail), Patricia Warren, Simeon Viltz, Linda Sharken, Sarah Zack. Staff: James Reaves

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Dawn Scichowski. Patricia Warren made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Sarah Zack, seconded the motion. The minutes were voted on and approved.

**County Government Board Update:**

**McHenry County:**

John Jung, Jr. and Theresa Meshes were both absent from the meeting.

**Lake County:**

John Wasik was absent from this meeting.

**4-H Update:**

Gina Scichowski stated that McHenry County 4-H had a great year back in person for the fair. She stated that they didn't have as many projects as other years but overall the show was good. She also stated that McHenry County 4-H has a new 4-H food booth next to the 4-H building. Gina said that her club is looking forward to getting more members this year and also starting new projects.

Addison Gjelsten stated that Lake County 4-H is off to a good start with more meetings back in person and having new members join. The Lake County 4-H had a shorter than usual fair this year, but it was well attended. They could show their animals but then they had to take them back home instead of staying at the fair. Some people were disappointed, but they understood the reasoning behind the rule for this past year.

**Director's Update:**

James Reaves sent us a video to watch regarding the Open Meeting Act Training and we are to send an email back when we have watched the video. James talked about the annual conference coming up in November. He also stated that the Extension Director will make the decisions on hiring replacements for the retiring Directors. James also told us that the staff will remain on the hybrid schedule until December 31, 2021. He also let us know that we still have one vacant position for Snap Ed that is open in Lake County. James remarked on both the Lake and McHenry County Fairs. The Farm Stroll was well attended, and the Lake County plant sale was the biggest that they have ever had. Lake County hosted the Annual State Agricultural Association meeting, and they toured farms in Lake Forest and Grayslake.

**State Council Update:**

Carolina Schottland was absent for this meeting but James let us know that they haven't met since Spring so they would not have a report.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

The election of Officers took place at this meeting. The new officers are: President is Simeon Viltz, Vice President is Sarah Zack, and Secretary Gina and Dawn Scichowski

**Adjournment:**

Simeon Viltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Sharken seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and the meeting was adjourned by James Reeves.. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on November 9th, 2021 as a Zoom meeting instead of a in-person meeting.

**Minutes submitted by:** Dawn and Gina Scichowski

