



Unit 26 Extension Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Franklin County Extension Office

1212 Route 14 West, Benton 62812

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Council members present: Jason Mohr, Gail Johnston, Josh Reinhart, Jennifer Barbour, Amy Epplin, Harvey Gillespie, Jean Alstat

Staff members present: Andy Fisher, Cindy Bauman, Talon Becker, Robin Ridgley, Carrie Eldridge, Toni Kay Wright, Jennifer Newbury, Jenny Povolish

CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Barbour called the Extension Council meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. She led an ice breaker activity.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lynn provided a brief overview of Illinois Extension funding sources, and the Extension Council reviewed the Unit 26 Trust financial report. Jason made a motion to accept the financial report. Josh seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council orientation – Lynn Heins provided a 20-minute Extension Council orientation.

Engaging diverse audiences – Lynn Heins posed a question to the Extension Council, *“In your community, what area or group of people do you think have been underserved, and could be helped by an educational effort?”* The council brainstormed groups and communities. The Hispanic population near Chester, Percy, Murphysboro and Carbondale were identified as an underserved audience. The aging population in general was also identified.

Officer nominations and elections

- Current Slate:
 - Chair – Jenifer Barbour
 - Vice Chair – Harvey Gillespie

- Secretary – Sherry Wilson
- Proposed Slate:
 - Chair – Jenifer Barbour
 - Vice Chair – Harvey Gillespie
 - Secretary – Sherry Wilson

Larry made a motion to elect the proposed slate of officers as presented. Amy seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Open meetings act training – Lynn shared that the open meetings act training link is broken, and she will update the council once it is up again. All council members should complete the training. Some council members already have the certification.

Update in/out check signors

- Franklin signors – Lynn Heins, Gay Bowlin, Cindy Bauman, Ian Perkins, Marc Lamczyk
 - Recommendation: remove Ian Perkins and Marc Lamczyk and add Talon Becker
- Jackson signors – Lynn Heins, Brenda Jones, Jessica Grammer, Maggie Ray (no change)
- Perry signors – Lynn Heins, Rhonda Shubert, Josh Gross (no change)
- Randolph signors – Lynn Heins, Michaela Castens, Toni Kay Wright, Greg Jones
 - Recommendation: Remove Greg Jones and add Sarah Ward
- Williamson signors – Lynn Heins, Amber Anderson, Robin Ridgley, Toni Kay Wright, Ramona Girtman (no change)

Amy made a motion to accept the above changes to the check signors for the in/out accounts. Josh seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS & DISCUSSION/Q&A

The Educators and Franklin County Extension Staff presented verbal reports.

Next Council Meeting

Location: Jackson County Extension Office

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Josh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Gail seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.