

U of I Extension Unit #11: Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell

Extension Council Meeting

Monday, April 30th, 2018

6:30PM

Tazewell County Extension Office, Pekin

The Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Extension Council met April 30, 2018 at the Tazewell County Extension Office. Council members present were Kim Dunnigan, Erika Eigenbrod, Rosemary Palmer, Sunita Shastry, and Kelvin Sampson, Cindy Chaffin and Nicole Forsberg bp. Also in attendance were Earl Allen, County Director. Absent members were Sally Bair Shundell Broomfield, Meghan Curless, Carla Murray, Tyson Walters, and Steve Waterworth.

Sunita called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

A motion to approve the January 30, 2018 minutes was made by Rosemary Palmer, seconded by Kim Dunnigan. Motion Carried

Review and Approval of FY19 Budget provided by Earl Allen

FY18

- ¾ or 73% of FY18 budget has been used thus far and is on track
- U of I campus has allowed each unit to receive \$300,000 in Smith Lever dollars to help cover state matching money that has not come in. This will be available if needed for FY18, FY19 and FY20
- FY18 is predicted to use about \$100,000 of reserve money, leaving the reserve around \$600,000 at the end of FY18

FY19

- Moderately healthy reserve of \$600,000
- FY19 has 65% of state matching money
 - Anticipating this will be in the budget
 - Currently the state has released 6.6 million to be used for state matching funds but Unit has not received any
- Two retirements will help with salary savings in FY19
- Smith-lever money can be used to help cover match money if needed
- Contingency line in budget will allow for rebuilding of reserve if State Funding comes in
- Overall the budget has decreased 3.8% from FY18
 - Salary saving from retirement, two positions not filled and one position 80% filled
- 2% salary increase built into budget
 - This is determined by campus
- The savings in the budget does decrease 4-H summer help, master gardener money, and office support
- Levies
 - Mason decreased \$5,000 due to county offsets.
 - Fulton and Peoria increased by \$1,000 each
 - Tazewell stayed steady

- Some travel expenses reinstated and increased some program funding because of Smith Lever dollars

A motion was made by Kim and seconded by Erica to accept the FY19 budget as presented by Earl. Motion carried.

Other business

Local checking account simplification

- County in/out accounts reduced from 4 (1 per county) to 2 (1 for Fulton/Mason, 1 for Peoria/Tazewell)
- Each county had a federation checking account, that has been combined into 1 account
- Food stand fundraisers moved to Fulton Foundation as the fiscal agent

Future meetings

Local county levy request meetings will be scheduled in July and August
Thursday, August 30th 2018 @ 12:00 PM for new program

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.