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Sangamon, Menard, and Logan County Council
June 26, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
Logan County Extension Office – Lincoln, IL

Present: David Mendenhall, Jim Strubing, Jennifer Taylor Brown, Brenda Buckles, Gary Letterly, Daniel Kloppe, Charles Ruben, Craig Hall, Grace Skelton, Alex Bruno, and Extension Staff Terri Miller, and Carissa Akpore.

Absent: Eli Klokkenga, Otto Rentschler, Ed Whitcomb, Jr., Kevin Bateman, Lynn Chard, Bob Farmer, Jill Keeton, Mary Brown, Ny'Torious McCoy, and Colleen Harms.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman David Mendenhall.

The council reviewed minutes from the March meeting, Hall made the motion to accept, Letterly 2nd the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Fiscal Report: Miller reported that the Illinois Department of Ag has finally released most of the money budgeted to Extension. Also the Governor Announced a \$5 million additional grant to Extension. He made the announcement from the Stremsterfer Farm Pleasant Plans, Sangamon County. (Norm is a Sangamon County 4-H Foundation councilmember.) This money is for all of Extension and not just our Unit. Also Extension was included in the state FY2019 budget. She also reported that the Unit 16 2019 budget was complete and all agreements and leases had been signed. There were no major changes from the 2018 budget.

Program Updates: Miller handed out copies of the Unit 2019 annual impact report. She then introduced Carissa Akpore, 4-H and Youth Educator who gave a report on recent 4-H activities in happening in the Unit. Miller also gave additional reports on 4-H programs, as well as Ag in the Classroom, Horticulture, Ag and Natural Resources and SNAP-ED.

Staffing Update: Miller reported that Kathryn Long, the Sangamon County 4-H Program Coordinator, left her position on June 15, 2018 for a job with the Illinois Department of Revenue. She will be greatly missed. Currently Sharon Long, the Sangamon and Menard Program Coordinator is taking on Kathryn's duties. The job opening was posted quickly after Kathrine put in her notice and closed June 21. Miller said that they hoped to fill the position soon.

Reaching New Audiences/Meeting Community Need: Miller asked the council to discuss the kinds of needs and concerns they are seeing in the community and were engaged in a discussion about how to reach new and underserved audience around the Unit. Miller reminded the council members to reach out to her at any time if they have an idea, concern, or think of an audience we are not currently reaching.

New Council Members to Fill Expiring Terms: Chairman Mendenhall listed the name of council members whose terms will expire August 31. Those included Lynn Chard, Robert Farmer, David Mendenhall, Ed Whitcomb, Jr., and Charles Ruben. The council were asked to help locate and recruit potential council members

who have an interest in Extension, a diversity of experiences and perspectives, and a passion to help the community.

Chairman Mendenhall thanked those going off the council and also noted he would still be on council board to represent Sangamon County, even though his Chairmanship was up. Miller thanked Chairman Mendenhall for all his dedication and past service to Extension. Mendenhall noted that he would continue to help Extension in the future.

Future Meeting Dates, Times & Locations - The Council was reminded of the next council meeting which is set for September 25 at 7 pm at the Sangamon County Extension office.

Chairman Mendenhall adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.