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Extension Advisory Council Agenda/MINUTES****
Natural Resources, Environment, and Energy (NREE)
March 16, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Our Mission: To help our communities recognize our sustainability is directly related to the sustainability of our natural resources.

1. Welcome – Peggy Doty, Educator NREE
2. Introductions – Though we did this last time, in December, it will help to refresh our memory.
 - a. Boone County – Dan Kane, Lisa Mund, and Bill Hall (**Bill absent**)
 - b. DeKalb County – Jodi Gudewicz and Anita Zurbrugg
 - c. Ogle County – Kayse Rushford
3. Ideas from you the advisory.
 - Any new community needs to consider for this group.
Anita and Dan are interested in discussing climate change as an Extension programming need. I explained our new state position that oversees our Master Naturalist Program/Climate Specialist. I am going to reach out to Duane Friend who is going to be in that position and set up a time for the four of us to have a conversation via Zoom or in person.
4. NREE programming activities looking ahead
 - a. Spoke with Judy Hodge, EPC, regarding cover crop education and Lisa’s garden project. **Margaret Larson said she would work with Philip in Unit 1 to see about cover crop programming for both units. Bill Hall had requested this topic in December and lives in Winnebago County but farms in Boone County. More to come on this.**
5. NREE updates and programming through June.
 - G-Force Stem Club update
 - Master Naturalist Training in Ogle
 - Master Watershed Steward Program Pilot
6. Dates for 2022 quarterly meetings.
 - a. June 15 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom or in person
 - b. September 27th @ 6:00 p.m. location TBD (Whole Unit Council)
 - c. December 14th @ in person or Zoom for bad weather
7. Final thoughts and comments – **No comments. Next meeting is June 15 via Zoom**

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