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## Extension

### **University of Illinois Extension Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion, and Washington Counties Unit 23**

*Multi-County Council Minutes  
February 8, 2021; 6:30 pm; via Zoom*

#### **Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order by Jordee Koehler at 6:36 p.m.

#### **Roll Call:**

Council members present included: Lilly (Liz) Trapp, Katie Albert, Cyndy Mitchell, Regina Donoho, Bill Waggoner, Linda Summers and Sam Phillips.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2020:

Approval of the November 16, 2020 meeting minutes was postponed due to not receiving meeting minutes and not having a quorum.

#### **Extension Updates:**

- COVID-19 Update
  - Jordee informed the council that staff are still working in fully remote status. Starting March 1, staff will start returning to office on a hybrid schedule given that COVID numbers continue to decrease. While staff will be physically back in offices, the office will be closed for walk-ins and meetings indefinitely.
- Mobile Market Update
  - Jordee informed the council that since the November Advisory Council meeting, there have been seven additional mobile markets, serving 1,805 families. In November, we were able to give out Thanksgiving hams, and in December they received large turkey drumsticks, along with other common holiday food items. In February, we will have two new mobile markets in Bond County – in Sorento and Pocahontas. Cusumano's and Sons, Inc., received the USDA Farmers to Families grant again, for the next three months. Currently, we have recurring mobile markets in Centralia, Nashville, Mt. Vernon, Sorento and Pocahontas. We will also have some pop-up mobile markets in Salem.
  - In addition, we are working on getting TVs set up in local food pantries to provide a virtual presence there with our Eat. Move.Save. booths and recipe demonstration videos. These TVs are being purchased by United Way of South-Central Illinois and SSM Health.
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**Financial Update:**

Jordee confirmed that the 4-H Premiums were included in the "Expenditures" column of the financial report that was distributed to members. No financial concerns were identified.

**Other:**

- Sam Phillips shared that Prairie Farms has been doing milk give-a-ways and that this may be a possible opportunity for Extension to partner. Katie Albert shared that her Fayette County location has been involved in this initiative.
- Sam Phillips shared that the SIU Touch of Natura Syrup Festival typically happens this time of year but was not sure how it would be conducted due to COVID.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Monday May 10 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

**Adjournment:**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.