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Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion, and Washington Counties
Unit 23
Multi-County Council Minutes
November 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken by Vice-Chair Waggoner. Council members present as indicated by an "X", members absent as indicated by no mark:

Bond Co.

- Michelle Haller (Sec.)
- Lilly (Liz) Trapp
- Steve Newton
- Katie Cayo

Clinton Co

- Mike Claypool
- Kelly Elias
- Glen Hemker
- Shelby Claypool (Youth Rep)

Jefferson Co.

- Vanessa Newell
- Cyndy Mitchell
- Donte Moore

Marion Co.

- Regina Donoho
- Helen Leonhardt
- Jason Timm
- Bill Waggoner

Washington Co.

- Wayne Polczynski
- Brent Schorfheide (Chair)
- Carole Moeller

County Director

- Jordee Justice

Welcome and Introductions of Guests:

Welcome by Jordee Justice, County Director, and introduction of members and guests;

- Ashley Hoffman – Unit 23 Snap Ed Educator
- Rhonda Mueller – Unit 23 Fiscal Secretary

Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2019:

A motion was made by Mike Claypool and seconded by Katie Cayo to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Extension Updates:

- Jordee informed members that the Office Support Associate position in Clinton County will probably not be filled until January.
- The 4-H Youth Educator search was a failed search. Plans are to post the position again in early 2020. A bigger pool of candidates needs to be available. Discussion was held about offering opportunities of internships to students to increase interest in Extension employment opportunities.
- The MyPI Disaster Preparedness Program registration opened today (November 4). Jordee has e-mailed the schedule of the weekly topic schedule to council members. The 4-H Program Coordinators will be sharing the program details with the local schools. A goal of 10-25 dedicated teens has been set for the program to move forward. Jordee will check into adding the topic of Earth Quakes into the schedule.

- Jordee informed members of the council that she is going to be starting the hiring process for a Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Educator in January, 2020. This individual will focus on financial wellness planning. This position can focus on the retired population (HCE) and the youth (teens).
- Snap Ed Educator, Ashley Hoffman gave members a brief update on things happening with the Snap Ed Program for Unit 23.
 - The SNAP-Ed team consists of the five community workers which are located in Jefferson, Marion and Bond Counties along with Unit Educator, Ashley Hoffman. They do programming for students in K-12, at Food Pantries and conduct Cooking Schools in the summers.
 - The Unit has two mobile markets. One in Nashville which has been in existence for several years and one in Centralia, which has been in operation for the last year. They partner with the St. Louis Food Bank out of St. Louis, MO. The markets provide fresh produce and educational material to the patrons. The markets give out monthly a half market (which consists of 6,000 – 10,000 pounds of produce) to increase food access. There are no income guidelines required or monitored. The Centralia Market is now located at the Fairview Park Plaza, in Centralia, IL. The markets are able to partner with ANR, SNAP-Ed, 4-H and community volunteers. Plans are in the planning stages for a “Back to School Bash” in August before kids go back to school at the Centralia Market. The Bash would feature a Food Fair (22,000 pounds of food) and partner with various health fair services.
 - Ashley provided council with information on the reach that they have been able to make. They have reached 8,073 participants which is largely made up of youth through the school programming and cooking school classes. The SNAP Grant is up for renewal this year. Through the new grant, they will be adding new curriculum for 6th, 7th and 8th grades along with a new High School Curriculum. The new material is being release in phases. The cooking schools that are conducted in the summer are for ages 8 – 13. The SNAP team has also received some state exposure by having the success story of Kristen Buttrum (Jefferson County Community Worker) published in state newsletters and marketing efforts. Kristen had the opportunity to work with three different generations (grandmother, mother and granddaughter) through various lessons offered through the SNAP program.

Financial Update:

The financial report for October, FY20 was presented to council. After review of the same, a motion was made by Mike Claypool with a second by Cyndy Mitchell to accept the same. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn meeting was made by by Glen Hemker and seconded by Mike Claypool, motion carried.

Rhonda Mueller