



Extension

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

Multi-County Council Minutes
May 11, 2020; 6:30 pm; via Zoom

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Jordee Justice @ 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken by all giving their name to the entire group. 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 (Vice)

Washington Co.

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

County Director

- Jordee Justice

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2020:

Approval of the February 10, 2020 meeting minutes was postponed due to not having a quorum.

Extension Updates:

- Unit 4-H Educator
 - Jordee informed the council that interviews for the Unit 4-H Youth Educator position were held on Friday, May 8, 2020. The position is moving to the next phase and hopefully there will be an announcement in the near future of a new 4-H Educator for Unit 23.
- 4-H Jefferson County Program Coordinator
 - Jordee informed council that Ramona Girtman has taken another position in Extension serving as the 4-H EPC for Williamson County. Jordee hopes to fill this vacancy this summer.
- FCS Consumer Economics Educator
 - Jordee indicated that this position has been put on hold until normal operations resume. The position has been approved but cannot move forward until staff return to the office.
- Covid-19
 - All staff are working remotely through at least the end of the month per the Governor's order. Depending on what his direction is at the end of the month, dictates when staff will return to the offices. Leadership is working on contingency plans to get staff back in to the offices but the direction that is being given is that it will not be a quick process, it will be a gradual move to full capacity through the end of summer.
 - All programming for Extension through July 5, 2020 has been moved to either an on-line virtual experience or cancelled. This is starting to affect 4-H Shows for Unit 23 due to the Marion County General Projects Show, the Clinton County General Projects Show, the Washington County Home Economics Show and the Unit Public Speaking Contest all being scheduled in June and will now feature the virtual format.

- Additional updates will be received on June 1, 2020 on shows scheduled the remainder of July; on July 1, 2020 for shows scheduled August 1-15, 2020; and July 15 for shows August 15 and beyond.

Questions:

- Liz inquired with the comment from the Governor that it is unlikely that State Fair will be held if the County Livestock events would still be held. Jordee indicated that 4-H is not intending to cancel any 4-H Shows. If the face-to-face option is not available, then all shows will be held virtually via the Fair Entry Software to assist with the on-line judging format. The youth will still receive the experience even though it may look a little different.
- Liz also inquired how this affects the Shooting Sports Training that was scheduled in March. Jordee indicated that all events are in a holding pattern until larger groups can gather.

Financial Update:

- The FY20 financial report does not look much different than what was presented at the February meeting due to the reporting being backlogged.

Old Business:

A large amount of time was spent at the February Council meeting discussing problems with attendance at events causing some things to be cancelled due to low registrations. Jordee thanked the council for their input as the fall Master Gardener Training will have a different look featuring a class with two evenings a week along with a Saturday a month option to hopefully attract more of the working class.

New Business:

FY21 Budget – the Budget for FY21 was presented to those attending. Due to not having a quorum, Jordee will present the Budget to all members of council for approval along with a vote to approve a \$10,000 council Agreement for miscellaneous donations that are received throughout the year to make them eligible for matching funds.

Council Appointments:

There are two individuals that have completed their two – two-year term appointments (Mike Claypool and Helen Leonhardt). If anyone has any recommendations for replacements, they should pass those along to Jordee.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 21 at 6:30 pm to be held in the Agriculture Building at Kaskaskia College.

Adjournment:

There being no other business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Rhonda Mueller