

## **Unit 24 – University of Illinois Extension Council Minutes**

**November 4, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. – In-Person & Via Zoom**

**Call to Order:** Unit 24 Extension Council meeting on November 4, 2021 was called to order by Chairman, Stacy Phillips at 6:02 p.m. Due to Stacy Phillips traveling, she asked Angie Messmer to run the meeting.

**Council Members Present:** Kim Bainbridge, Tony Eckert, Jennifer Parker, Douglas Patton, Stacy Phillips, and Holly Healy

**Staff Present:** Angie Messmer and Sheila Stamer

**Council Members Absent:** Shelley Friend, Natalie Bonnell, Kate Miller, Lisa Miller, Hank Oldham, Jimmy Richey, Donna Rumsey, Mallory Thompson, and Alex Watkins

**Minutes from August 5, 2021:** Motion made to approve the August minutes by Stacy Phillips, Second by Douglas Patton; All in Favor – Motion Carried.

**FY22 1st Quarterly Report-Trust –** Fiscal report was reviewed. Sheila Stamer explained the new fiscal reporting system and that the University is using Quicken vs. Excel to reconcile the accounts. Motion made to approve the fiscal report by Kim Bainbridge, Second by Stacy Phillips; All in Favor – Motion Carried.

### **Update from County Director:**

Angie provided an update on the Unit and Dixon Springs Ag Center. She noted that Elizabeth Cooley-Questelle has been hired for the SNAP Ed Program and began on 9/1/2021. She noted the Unit is working with Unit 27 on a Food Access project, HEAT, which is a 2-year project. They will likely hire a community economic educator and plans are to offer a mobile food pantry and grocery store. The Unit is also working with Senator, Dale Fowler, placing blessing boxes in the communities from donated funds by Clearwave in the amount of \$3500. The Unit will work with local schools on the construction of these boxes. The boxes will house canned goods and non-perishables. Discussion held on locations for the blessing boxes.

Angie informed the Council that there are plans to host a Camp Whitetail in 2022 at the Dixon Springs Ag Center. This event will be a hunter education program and may be a 2-day overnight camp. Participants will attend with guardians and will gain knowledge on fishing, archery, tree identification, tree stand safety, shotgun and muzzleloader training, tree identification, etc. Dates are tentatively set for 10/1 and 10/2 of 2022.

COVID Requirements with the University: Angie informed the council that the University is requiring employees to be vaccinated or test weekly. All indoor events require a mask.

**Next Meeting Schedule for:**

February 3, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. made by Holly Healy, Second by Stacy Phillips; All in Favor – Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Holly Healy