

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

**February 11, 2021 – Meeting Held Via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.**

**Call To Order:** Unit 24 Extension Council met on February 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Chairman, Cole Fechtig called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Council Members Present:** Donna Rumsey, Cole Fechtig, Lisa Miller, Kate Miller, Douglas Patton, Jennifer Parker, Hank Oldham

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

**Council Members Absent:** Kim Bainbridge, Natalie Bonnell, Don Darnell, Tony Eckert, Shelley Friend, Holly Healy, Stacy Phillips, Jimmy Richey, Alex Watkins, and Brandon Vickery.

**Minutes from May 14, 2020:** Motion to approve the May 14, 2020 minutes by Kate Miller, Second by Donna Rumsey, All in Favor – Motion Carried.

**Election of Officers:** – After council discussion, it was decided to keep the current officers in place until next term beginning on 9/1/21 with one change and that being the Financial Reporter assigned to Donna Rumsey as Nadine York is no longer serving on the council. Chairman – Cole Fechtig; Vice Chairman – Hank Oldham; Secretary – Holly Healy and Donna Rumsey – Financial Reporter. All in Favor – Motion Carried.

**Election of Extension Board Roster and Election of Governing Board:** After council discussion, it was decided that we keep the current members in place until next term beginning on 9/1/21 leaving one vacancy on the Extension Board Roster for Nadine York as she is no longer serving on the council and leaving one vacancy on the Governing Board for Don Darnell as he is no longer serving on the council. Motion by Lisa Miller to leave two open positions for both boards unless otherwise needed and will replace if necessary. Second by Jennifer Parker. All in Favor – Motion Carried.

**Extension Board Roster:** Brandon Vickery, Hank Oldham, and Donna Rumsey.

**Extension Governing Board:** Holly Healy, Douglas Patton, and Kim Bainbridge.

**FY20 Fourth Quarterly Report-Trust, FY21 First Quarterly Report-Trust, and FY21 Second Quarterly Report-Trust:** Sheila gave brief update on the Trust Account balances for each quarter and answered questions from the council. Motion to approve the fiscal reports by Donna Rumsey, Second by Kate Miller, All in Favor – Motion carried.

**In/Out Accounts for Saline / Hamilton / White – Check Signatures:**

**Hamilton County:** Angela Messmer, Melissa Wilson, Lisa Miller, and Jennifer Parker

**Saline County:** Angela Messmer, Melissa Wilson, Tony Eckert, and Bronwyn Aly

**White County:** Angela Messmer, Cole Fechtig, Melissa Wilson, Bronwyn Aly, and Pamela Haywood

All in Favor – Motion Carried.

**New Employees:** Angie announced that two new staff have been recently hired. Lacey Barnhill, SNAP Ed Community Worker for Pope-Hardin Counties, who formerly worked in the same position for Unit 27. She has five years of experience working with Unit 27, took a couple of years off and is now back with Extension under Unit 24. Seth Parks, Extra-Help Building Mechanic at DSAC, started in November 2020. Angie informed council that we just closed a full-time Building Mechanic position at DSAC and are now waiting for HR to schedule civil service testing for the applicants who applied.

**Council Replacements as of 8/31/21:** Two members will need to be replaced: Cole Fechtig, who serves White County and Brandon Vickery, who serves Gallatin County. Sheila informed the council that replacements need to be determined prior to June 15 when new council forms are due for submission.

**Civil Rights / Compliance Review Discussion:** Angie informed the council that Lois Jones has been working to get updated reports, but it is taking longer due to changes in the University's reporting system. We hope to have updated reports to share at our upcoming meeting in May.

**Schedule Next Meeting Dates for 2021:** Discussion held regarding in-person meetings vs. Zoom. Angie informed the council that we are allowed to hold in-person meetings at 25% room capacity practicing social distancing, masks in place, etc. Most council felt that Zoom meetings were more convenient but are willing to attend in-person once it is safe to do so. Upcoming meeting dates have been scheduled for May 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and August 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The August meeting will be the annual dinner and will be held at Dream Baskets. Sheila will make the reservation for the dinner.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheila K. Stamer, Office Support Associate