

Unit 24 – University of Illinois Extension Council Minutes

February 13, 2020

Call To Order: The Unit 24 Extension Council meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm on February 13, 2020 at the Saline County Extension Office by Chairman Cole Fechtig.

Council Members Present: Hank Oldham, Donna Rumsey, Cole Fechtig, Tony Eckert, Douglas Patton, Lisa Miller, Natalie Bonnell, Kate Miller, Holly Healy, Jody Johnson and Angie Messmer.

Council Members Absent: Kim Bainbridge, Don Darnell, Eric Fodor, Shelley Friend, Jimmy Richey, Brandon Vickery, and Nadine York

Motion to approve the November 14, 2019 minutes by Oldham. Second by L. Miller. Motion carried.

The Fiscal Report was presented by Messmer. Motion to approve by Oldham. Second by Bonnell. Motion carried.

Messmer was welcomed by Chairman Fechtig and Johnson and gave her report. She noted that she has met with all staff in the Unit and is reviewing all programming. SNAP Ed in White County has been helping with weekend meal purchases, being funded by a different local organization. Horticulture at Dixon Springs has been busy with high tunnel trials and helping with the White County Garden expansion. The 4-H Horse Show was discussed and there may be a multi-county one. The Dixon Springs staff is preparing for Stewardship Week. Hamilton County will host a safety day in April.

Messmer noted that the Extension Program Coordinator position has been re-advertised. It is possible this unit-wide position will move to the Saline County office.

Council members completing their terms on 9/1/20 include: Don Darnell (Hamilton County), Eric Fodor (Saline County), and Nadine York (Gallatin County). Suggestions are welcome for replacements.

The next meeting will be on May 14, 2020 at 6pm.

During comments and suggestions, it was noted that there is an effort to make a Unit-wide calendar.

Motion to adjourn at 6:46pm by T. Eckert. Second by L. Miller. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Healy.