

Unit 24- University of Illinois Extension Council

Call to order: President Cole Fechtig called meeting to order on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:25 pm at the Saline County Extension office.

Council Members Present: Cole Fechtig, Donnie Ahrens, Kim Bainbridge, Natalie Bonnell, Beth Eckhert, Jim Richey, Joy Richey, Brandon Vickery, Nadine York, and guest Larry Richards, Pope County Commissioner and Bronwyn Aly, Local Foods/Small Farms Educator

Council Members Absent: Don Darnell, Eric Foder, Holly Healy, Kate Miller, Lisa Miller, Doug Patton, Melissa Presser

Bronwyn Aly made presentation on Unit activities for Local Foods/Small Farms.

Minutes from November 8 meeting were reviewed.

Donnie Ahrens made motion to approve minutes; Seconded by Nadine York
Motion carried.

Joy Richey gave financial report for 2nd quarter FY19 Report. She explained breakdown of spreadsheet data. Unit 24 County Director Connie Beck informed council that U of I Extension has only received 1/3 of state matching funds that were expected at this point. Council discussed some ways that funds could be raised if state match doesn't come through. She also discussed amount of money being spend by the Unit on overtime during county fair season, and gave some possible ideas for how to possibly cut down on that overtime.

Brandon Vickery made motion to approve financial report; Seconded by Jim Richey. Motion carried

Joy Richey made motion to remove Eric Foder as check signatory for Saline County due to failure to complete required paperwork; Seconded by Nadine York. Motion carried

Council members discussed the need to identify potential council members to replace the upcoming retiring members.

Joy Richey updated council on Foundation status. The group has completed and submitted required paperwork to obtain 503C tax exempt status, but has not yet received approval from State.

Next meeting was scheduled for May 9th.

Brandon Vickery made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Donnie Ahrens. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm