

Minutes

**University of Illinois Extension Council Meeting – Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, and Stark Counties
Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at University of Illinois Extension, 358 Front Street, Galva IL.**

Roll Call:

Present: Tyler Barrington, John Bowser, Barb Chiles, Kyle McEwen, Jared Johnson, Jill Milroy, Sugandhi Sivakumar, Dawn Temple, Tim Wells
Others Present: Jenny Garner, Haley Haverback, Russell Medley, Martha Smith, Tayler Wheatley

Public Comments: Not Applicable.

Previous Minutes:

- The minutes of the last meeting on August 20, 2019 were approved as read on a motion by Kyle McEwen and a seconded by Dawn Temple. Motion carried.

Fiscal Reports:

- The Unit 7 Trust and Self Support accounts were reviewed ending in September 30, 2019.
- Ending balances for the in-and-out accounts were reviewed for the month of September, and noted the inadvertent omission of the Rock Island County account. It was noted these should be included separate for the summary page. These corrections will be made for the next Council meeting.
- FY19 funding from the State of Illinois has yet to arrive at the Extension Business Office in Champaign-Urbana.

Council Report:

- Tim Wells reported on the Extension State Advisory Council meeting that included discussion on the State funding situation and presentations from the State 4-H Office.
- Jared Johnson discussed the WVIK Quad Cities NPR listener survey that Russell Medley is working on with the station to conduct a quantitative needs assessment.
- Council members acknowledged the breadth of projects accomplished by Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists as a result of Martha Smith's educational session.
- John Bowser talked about OSF Medical Center-Kewanee's efforts to establish a transportation subscription program for their patients; Russell Medley serves on the Transportation Committee.
- Dawn Temple discussed the recent Field Day held in conjunction with Haley Harverbeck where farmers learned about structural practices and nutrient loss reduction strategies.
- Kyle McEwen said Mercer County Better Together continues to work through their strategic plan; Russell Medley facilitated establishment of Better Together.
- Jared Johnson mentioned that Kristin Bogdonas' podcast, Wake Up to Wellness, was the third highest performing podcast and climbing.

Staff Programming Handout:

- Reports from Kristin Bogdonas, Haley Haverback, Russell Medley, Jennifer Peterson, Martha Smith, and Tayler Wheatley are included in the council packets. Council members were encouraged to review the many programs happening in Unit 7.

- Additional information on Ag Literacy and SNAP-Ed presentation topics and number of contacts were provided in the packets.

Announcements: None at this time.

New Business:

- Council members were invited to join the ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22, at the newly re-located Mercer County Extension Office at 910 – 13 Street, Viola.
- Jared Johnson made a consent agenda motion and was seconded by Kyle McEwen to approve the In-and-Out Account audits for the Henry-Stark County, Mercer county, and Rock Island County bank accounts. Motion carried.
- Council members were reminded to complete the Open Meetings Act training and provide certification of completion to the unit office. The training needs to be completed only once. http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net/electronic_foia_training.aspx

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Tyler Barrington and seconded by Tim Wells that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Garner