

MINUTES

University of Illinois Extension Council Meeting – Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, and Stark Counties Tuesday, August 17, 2021, via Zoom.

Roll Call:

Present: Catherine Bass, Barb Chiles, John Bowser, Dave Dyer, Logan Goerks, Kyle McEwen, Jill Milroy, Bob Mueller, Sydney Poppy, Dawn Temple

Others Present: Kristin Bogdonas, Rachel Curry, Jenny Garner, Russell Medley, Emily Swihart

Public Comments: Not Applicable.

Previous Minutes:

- The minutes of the last meeting on April 20, 2021 were approved as read on a motion by Bob Mueller and a seconded by Barb Chiles. Motion carried.

Fiscal Report:

- The Unit 7 Trust and Self-Supporting accounts ending June 30, 2021 that represents closure of the 2021 fiscal year were provided in the packet for review. Discussion was held about the infusion of federal Smith Lever dollars to offset Unit Trust expenses.
- In-and-out accounts for Henry/Stark, Mercer, and Rock Island counties were provided.

Council Report:

- Jill Milroy reported that YMCA is resuming their Healthy Kids U programming that involves SNAP-Ed programming.
- Dawn Temple reported the Rock Island Soil and Water Conservation District is working with Extension's watershed quality program on a bioreactor field day, scheduled for September 14, 2021.
- John Bowser reported on the OSF has implemented their school immunization project and their patient transportation project is going well.
- Kyle McEwen reported the Mercer County Better Together received a small business recovery grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration. The effort is support by Extension community and economic development.
- Catherine Bass reported AOK has partnered with Extension to deliver virtual SPENT simulations. The most recent was with 60 teachers at Sherrard Elementary.

Staff Programming Information:

- The Council was invited to review staff reports that covers the broad spectrum of working being done by Extension unit staff.
- Mark Marchard and Mark Jeffries with the Regional Office of Education Atkinson Alternatives will be our guest speakers at the October 19, 2021 meeting that begins at 5:45 p.m. with business conducted at 6:00 p.m. A light supper will be provided. The meeting is located at Woodhull Town Hall.

Announcements:

- The unit has hired two SNAP-Ed community workers – Sydney Pool and Hannah Wright.

New Business:

- Section 1.05(b) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act requires all members of public bodies (which includes advisory councils) must complete the electronic training course developed by the Public Access Counselor of the Illinois Attorney General (PAC) within 90 days of assuming responsibilities of the position. The member must then file a copy of the certificate of completion of the course with the public body. The Illinois Attorney General's website was hacked, so the PAC's electronic OMA training has been inaccessible for months. This is the message is on the Attorney General's PAC web page: *"The PAC web page is presently being repaired, therefore the OMA electronic training, as well as the Freedom of Information Act electronic training, are inaccessible. There is no set completion date for the website repairs at this time. Please note public body members and designees are not penalized for failure to complete the electronic training within the statutory time periods."*
- The University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employments, with a plan that is updated on an annual basis. More information can be found at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/global/eeo>

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Dawn Temple and seconded by Jill Milroy that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Milroy