**University of Illinois Extension Council**

**Minutes: January 30, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren Counties Extension Council was held at the Warren County Extension Office on January 30, 2023 at 6:00p.m. Attendees attended both in person and via the virtual option due to ongoing COVID protocol.

In attendance were council members:

County Board Representatives:

Extension Staff: Carrie McKillip, Shelby Carlson, Lisa Torrance, and Chris Enroth

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. The first item of business was to nominate a new Vice Chairman. Richard Musser was nominated and the vote was unanimous for him to take the position. Next, we did quick introductions of the members and staff.

There was no public comments.

Meeting minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. Rev. Jowers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and George Mangalaraj seconded. Motion passed.

The next item of business was to approve the June, July and August Fiscal Reports. A motion was made by Kelci Osborn and seconded by Andrew Jowers. Motion Passed.

Lisa Torrance announced that at the moment we are fully staffed but they are looking for at the University of Illinois Research Plot for an Ag Ed position.

George Mangalaraj gave an update on the Robotics Competition in December. He said they are looking forward to the competition in May where they will have 2 teams participate.

Knox County Housing Authority is working on a gardening program for families.

Next, we moved onto Staff Reports.

Chris Enroth discussed Gardening Day on April 1st in Macomb. He also mentioned the Good Gardening Podcast is looking for topics to discuss in the future.

Carrie McKillip promoted the Henderson County has a CoAD meeting on the following Tuesday at the Health Department.

Shelby Carlson discussed Youth Mental Health Training. She also mentioned the Henderson County Health Department received a grant for career exploration. The Barn in Biggsville is hosting Welcome to the Real World for 8th Graders. There is an opportunity for 12-14 year old ladies to participate in Farm Camp Project.

Finally, the meeting was motioned to adjourn by Richard Musser and seconded by Andrew Jowers. Motion passed.