**University of Illinois Extension Council**

**Minutes: March 27, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren Counties Extension Council was held at the Warren County Extension Office on March 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Attendees attended both in person and via the virtual option due to ongoing COVID protocol.

In attendance were council members: Andrew Jowers, Gina Sandberg, Blake Rappenecker, Candace Miller-Fosmore, Patrick King, Jennifer Escorcia, Kelci Osborn, Kim Brannon, Ross Vancil and Shelby Henning.

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

The Extension Council Business meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair, Patrick King.

There was no public comment.

Meeting minutes from both the January Council meetings were reviewed. Blake Rappenecker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Kelci Osborn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Fiscal Reports through February 2023 were presented to the board. Blake Reppenecker made a motion to approve the fiscal reports and Shelby Henning seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lisa Torrance shared staffing updates with the Council including current extra help employees on board for the summer. Also considering hiring more extra to assist with horticulture programs and clerical support in Knox County.

Kim Brannon gave a Council Report regarding the Little Chef Class coming up. Seven students were signed up with hope of more yet to come.

Staffing reports were shared verbally as well as through the “5 Things” document and a programming calendar was also shared.

Old Business:

Lisa asked that Council members about the needs of the community and how Extension Council could help fulfill those needs.

Extension offices will be closed May 29, June 19 and July 4th for holidays.

Next Council Meeting will be May 22, 2023

New Business:

Lisa and Carrie presented information updating the Council on the Plan of Work. The council was asked to be an active participant in serving our communities through Extension. The two asked for feedback and support in developing a plan to best serve the counties.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Blake Rappenecker and seconded by Shelby Henning. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

\*Those interested in speaking to the Extension Council under Public Comments must contact Lisa Torrance 24 hours prior to the meeting for details regarding their presentation.