

**University of Illinois Extension**  
**DeWitt-Macon-Piatt County Extension Council Agenda**  
**February 13, 2023**  
**6:30 pm**  
Zoom Meeting

6:31pm - Call to Order – Cassie Crouch

Council member roll call

Sonya Anthony	Present
Brooks Brown	
Angi Carter	Present
Cassie Crouch	Present
Taylor Crouch	Present
Kathi Drozs	Present
Jerry Edwards	
April Gum	
Sarah Vogel	
Merry Lanker	Present
Megan Murphy	
Tayisha Nelson	
Mike Randall	Present
Doug Gucker	Present
Cheryl Sample	
Todd H	

Guest: Janet Boomer - Macon Co Master Gardener Master Naturalists

No Public Comments

Approval of November 2022 meeting minutes

**Motioned to approve by Sonya**

**2nd Merry**

**Motion Passes**

## Extension Updates- Jamie Boas

### Position Openings

- Macon County 4-H EPC  
Marisa Capps (SNAP-Ed community worker will transition)
- Will open 2 community worker positions soon (Both Snap Ed)
  - DeWitt County Family and Consumer Science EPC- closes 2/12  
This is part of our Unit Spend down - Unit will use the stored resources to create this and manage it. Eventually it will just be a part of the budget.
  - DeWitt & Piatt 4-H Youth Development position- closes 2/15  
Actually still open until 2/20

Educator Updates      Emailed the handout reports for committee to evaluate.

VERY HELPFUL!

- 4-H Youth Development- Ben Steele
- Horticulture- Sarah Vogel
  - State Award
  - Revamping of the website
  - 12 Extension supported gardens
- Small Farms/Local Foods/Ag- Doug Gucker
- Nutrition and Wellness- Caitlin Mellendorf
  - 7,000lbs of venison in the state handed out through extension to food banks and pantries.
- SNAP-Ed- Louise Hyneman
  - Working with Nutrition and Wellness to create food pantries' handouts.

## Financial Update – Jamie Boas

- FY23 Financial Report- January
  - Motion Made by Mike      2nd by Merry      Motion Passed**
- Need to add Jamie Boas to the Macon County checking account (leave Ben Steele, Caitlin Mellendorf, Doug Gucker and Sarah Vogel on the account)
  - Motion Made by Mike Randall      2nd by [Angi Carter](#)      Motion Passed**

## Old Business

- Needs assessment update from educators
  - Louise - good success with Snap-Ed
  - Location and accessibility was a major concern for those that use or could use the services provided.

## New Business

- Discussion about creating a space in Decatur for 4-H and SNAP-Ed
  - Need assessment in the 4-H and Snap Ed sectors for a space to house up to 2-4 staff members and 2 secretaries for ease of operation and community engagement.
  - Snap Ed would need a commercial kitchen

Looking at commercial spaces around Millikin

Concerns:

Staff and participant safety

Access to the building

Main office would stay at Richland Campus

Expense of rental

Purchasing of the building

Square footage needs for future growth.

Adjournment

**Next Extension Council Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:30p.m.**

**Motion to Adjourn Mike 2nd by Merry Motion Approved**

**Adjourned 7:47 pm**

Respectfully submitted by

Taylor Crouch

Maroa Livestock 4-H

Extension Council Secretary