

# MINUTES OF THE IOWA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COUNCIL

June 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Iowa County Extension Council was held on June 12, 2018, at the extension office in Williamsburg, Ia. The meeting was called to order by Colleen Conrad at 6:00 p.m. with the following members attending: Brent Ness, Sean Wetjen, Colleen Conrad, Jim Yenter, Justin Sayers, Absent: Erin Meyer, Leo Rudolphi, Scott Axmear, Marcia Kilgard Others: Gene Mohling, Mary Veatch

Video clip featuring John Lawrence, VPEO, and Council member elections was shared.

**Justin Sayers moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018.** 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Yenter Carried unanimously No meetings held in April and May

**March 31: A motion to approve the treasurer's report balance of \$153,479.51 in MM, \$50 in the Cash Box and \$5178.50 in checking was made by Brent Ness.** 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Yenter. Carried unanimously.

Brent Ness **moved to approve checks 12480-12511 plus EFT's.** 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Yenter Carried unanimously.

**April 30: A motion to approve the treasurer's report balance of \$204,128.03 in MM, \$50 in the Cash Box and \$4917.84 in checking was made by Brent Ness.** 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Yenter. Carried unanimously.

Brent Ness **moved to approve checks 12512-12547 plus EFT's.** 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Sayers Carried unanimously.

**May 31: A motion to approve the treasurer's report balance of \$196, 656.66 in MM, \$50 in the Cash Box and \$9776.03 in checking was made by Brent Ness.** 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Yenter. Carried unanimously.

Brent Ness **moved to approve checks 12548-12579 plus EFT's.** 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Sayers Carried unanimously.

Quarterly endowment report was provided: Iowa County Endowment Fund is \$82,306.13 as of March 31, 2018.

Productivity values article for county land valuations was provided. The state average is 14-15% for ag land as it pertains to tax levy totals (\$1 out of every \$7 comes from ag land). Productivity values are 5 year moving averages and as the high grain price years grow more into the distance past, county valuations may decrease. Iowa County's tax levy comes from 75% ag land.

Brent Ness moved to approve the list of volunteers. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Yenter Carried unanimously

Extension 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on Wednesday of county fair. - Mary Veatch reported on 100 year anniversary for opening night of county fair at queen event (6:45 p.m., Wednesday, July 11). Representatives from Youth Council and Extension Council are needed for the presentation.

Update on Second Floor Work/Plans – progress will carry into the next fiscal year

Program Up-Date Report on Youth Comm./Fair Board/Ag/4-H/Endowment Update

Newsletters, Ag Programs, 4-H programs – Farm Lease meetings are scheduled, Clover U starts this week-camps are full, Robotics Camp is full, fair entries are due the end of this month. Beck's will provide the exhibitor numbers.

County Fair Update-county fair plans and updates were presented by Mary Veatch, trophies are ordered with sponsorship cards will be added; county fair t-shirts are ordered

Nomination Committee: Jim Yenter moved to approve the nomination committee of Jennifer Ness, David Montross, Kristen Miller, Dave Volkens. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Sayers Carried unanimously

2018 Election Ballot- Yenter and Ness will run for another term, we have 3 vacancies for the 2018 election

American Income Life Insurance Coverage-Gene shared the fact sheet and provided a power point of key changes to the state policy.

LMC Liability Coverage - Gene shared a letter from LMC requiring screening of volunteers in order to have liability coverage for child abuse and molestation.

IECA <https://www.iaextensioncouncils.org/> Training is being planned for Council members this December

July Meeting – the need for a meeting will be determined as the time approaches.

Brent Ness **moved to adjourn.** 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Yenter. Carried unanimously.

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Justin Sayers, Acting Secretary