

Johnson Council Extension Council Minutes
Regular Meeting Date: June 16th, 2020

Called to Order by Scott Ritter at 6:00 P.M.

SPECIAL NOTE: Due to recent recommendations from State Government (see declaration below), CDC and Iowa Public Health due to COVID-19 and social distancing recommendations, the Johnson County Extension Council met by teleconference at 6 P.M. June 16th, 2020. The conference call number and access code were posted in the agenda.

Governor Reynolds Declaration

On Friday, March 20, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued an additional State Public Health Emergency Declaration that included the following directive:

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

SECTION NINE. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.6(6), and at the request of the Iowa League of Cities on behalf of numerous local governmental bodies, I temporarily suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code §§ 21.8, 26.12, and 414.12, or any other statute imposing a requirement to hold a public meeting or hearing, to the extent that the statutes could be interpreted to prevent a governmental body from holding the meeting by electronic means, provided that the governmental body properly notices the meeting or hearing and includes a telephone conference number or website address that permits the public to participate in the meeting or hearing. I also temporarily suspend those statutes to the extent they could be interpreted to prevent a governmental body from limiting the number of people present at an in-person location of the meeting, provided that the governmental body provides a means for the public to participate by telephone or electronically as provided in this section.

Roll Call Scott Ritter, Lori Donahoe, Greg Kuntz, Scott Stutsman, Marianne Klouda, John Schneider, Brent Bonner, Luann Pisarik Absent: Karissa Norine
Others: Gene Mohling, Brittnee Schneider, Kate Yoder, Shannon Bielickie, Amey Kollar, Katharina Bain, Bethany Gorsch, Melissa Mandernac , Tim Rodgers

Public Comment Period: there were no comments

Bethany Gorsch with Hills Bank discussed current checking accounts, loans, CDs, and the potential ICS accounts Extension could implement. ACH fees have been waived due to our Tax Exempt status. Katharina Bain will be added to the accounts.

Discussion of county fair options: Kate provided a Fair 2020 proposal for county fair options and full list of activities to also include a fair safety plan per department. Kate also shared Best Practices passed down by Iowa 4-H that were updated June 15th. In-Person shows would include: livestock, extemporaneous, educational (virtual/person), Static Exhibits. Virtual shows would include: Educational presentations (optional), clothing event, Clover Kids opportunities, and awards program. Kate will also have 4-H members list in Fair Entry how many people will be attending fair with the exhibitor. Staff and council will monitor updates from the university, CDC, public health and the governor moving forward. John Schneider moved to approve Kate's fair proposal while following social distancing practices and to encourage limited spectators. 2nd by Marianne Klouda. Carried unanimously.

Minutes: Lori Donahoe moved to approve the May 19 minutes with the proposed changes made. 2nd by Brent Bonner. Carried unanimously.

Auditing Report/Vouchers: The auditing report and vouchers were reviewed by Scott Ritter and Greg Kuntz

Lori Donahoe moved to approve the **Extension Operating vouchers 27806-27834**. 2nd by Scott Stutsman. Carried unanimously.

Lori Donahoe moved to approve the **BBBS Extension Operating vouchers, numbered 7698-7711**. 2nd by Scott Stutsman. Carried unanimously.

There were no Agency Account vouchers.

Lori Donahoe moved to accept the following: April 30, 2020

Operating Checking - Hills Bank & Trust Co.	\$8,965.95
CD – Hills Bank & Trust Co.	\$202,000.43
BBBS Checking - Hills Bank & Trust	\$50,197.51
Money Market Account - Hills Bank & Trust Co.	\$329,990.79
BBBS Money Market Acct - Hills Bank & Trust	\$49,006.66
Cash Box	\$100.00
CD - BBBS Greenstate Credit Union	\$22,362.43

2nd by Scott Stutsman Carried unanimously

Volunteer Update: Greg Kuntz moved to approve the volunteers. 2nd by John Schneider. Carried unanimously.

Shannon and Melissa discussed that future programming may look different late summer/fall this year to include Master Gardeners and school programming.

Brent Bonner moved to approve the ballot of Schnieder, Norine, Pisarik, and Klouda. 2nd by Greg Kuntz. Carried unanimously

Katharina Bain presented council with ANR by the numbers, 2020 SFS Map, Housing Field Specialists, Release of Mailing Lists, and Guidance on Extension Support/Donations.

Brittnee announced the virtual certified crop adviser training to council and this year's SE Research Farm Virtual Field Days.

Gene discussed the current vacancies in the office to include the Office Coordinator and Office Assistant along with the new position of Youth K-12. Lori Donahoe moves to approve advertising for the Office Coordinator and OA position beginning July 1st with a goal to hire mid-August. We will table Youth K-12 position when we learn more about what schools are doing. 2nd by Greg Kuntz. Carried unanimously.

Office will remain closed to the public until after fair, with the opening to the public beginning Monday, August 3rd.

Wages tabled until later date.

IECA <http://www.iacec.info/News/> Lori announced the new IECA Executive Director, Jennifer Vit. Vit will begin in her new role July 1st. With Structure for Success the new IECA board will go from 20 board members to 25 members to align with new regions. 14 new board members will be joining. Conference will be scheduled for March 2021.

Lori Donahoe moved to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. 2nd by Greg Kuntz. Carried unanimously

Luann Pisarik, Secretary