

**LINN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
EXTENSION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2021**

This meeting was held via zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic and public Health guidelines to maintain distance of 6 feet or more.

Call to Order: Chair Dennis Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm

Roll Call: Secretary Leland Freie, Present- Mike Anderson, Megan Fagle, Leland Freie, Dennis Jordan, David McDonald, Dana Nichols, Mike Olinger, Dan Pickar, absent- Dan Abel

Public Comments- none present

Review Council Packet- County Director- RaeAnn Gordon

Presentation -Guests: Dr Tera Jordan from Iowa State University presented a short presentation regarding the Comprehensive Needs Assessment of Underrepresented Iowans for ISU Extension and Outreach

Approve Consent Agenda Items- Staff reports, Council minutes, Volunteer approval and resignations, motion to approve Dana Nichols, second Dan Pickar, motion carried

Communications Director Report- Michelle Sillman- reviewed data analytics, “elevator speech” for marketing and brochure, will continue to develop, reviewed programs and strategic priorities, Master Gardner, Clover Connections and Personal 4-H story were popular

Regional Director Report- Interim Regional Director- RaeAnn Gordon- 2 -Way scorecard, reviewed and discussed, is to be used as a tool to look at strengths and areas for improvement, discussed possible ideas to improve evaluation measures

Civil Rights Training- future training for council members is being planned
IECA- Region 11 board position opening for council members to apply if interested

Linn County Director Report- Rae Ann Gordon-

- a. **Seeking Approval-**for signature of Master Gardner Growing Together grant, motion to approve Dana Nichols, second Mike Anderson, motion carried
- b. **Seeking approval** to hire Kristine Pinter, part-time Nutrition Education Director with CR School District to deliver 'Pick a Better Snack”, motion to approve, David McDonald, second Mike Olinger, motion carried

Treasurer Report- Mike Anderson

Balance sheet

Revenue and Expenses

Monthly Bank Reconciliation

Outstanding checks ~checks #25395 thru 25435 Total- \$18,984.26

motion to approve Mike Anderson, second David McDonald, motion carried

4-H Volunteers Approved- Megan Green, Kate Yoder, Josh Yoder, no restrictions

Committee reports- Empowering Staff and Volunteers (also personnel)

Seeking approval of the updated personnel policy for the Linn County AG Extension District employees, motion to approve, Mike Anderson, second, David McDonald, motion carried

Demonstrating Impact-Megan Fagle- reviewing annual report, the importance of story telling to attract the public interest

Cultivating Partnerships- Dana Nichols: Will meet March 10th

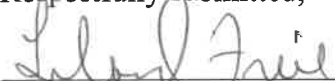
Expanding our Reach-Leland Freie- will meet March 15th

Information/Announcements- State Extension council meeting this Saturday, March 13th, Dennis Jordan will attend, interested council members can still register

Prairie Union Wildcats- looking into the possibility of Dennis Jordan meeting with parents to regarding ongoing differences over control/monitoring of 4-H club funds

Motion to adjourn, Dana Nichols, second by Leland Freie. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,


_____, Secretary
Leland Freie