

**LINN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF MARCH 9, 2020
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Chairperson Patty Webster called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM

Council members present:

Patty Webster, Dan Abel, Claire Smith, Dan Pickar, Dana Nichols, Dennis Jordan (via speakerphone) Leland Freie

Absent: Mike Anderson, David McDonald

Also present: County Director RaeAnn Gordon, Regional Director Jim Harken

Patty called for public comment: there was none

County Director RaeAnn Gordon reviewed the council packet

Approval of prior meeting minutes of February 9, 2020 Minutes were corrected (Patty Webster's) name was omitted from those in attendance. Motion to approve by Claire Smith, 2nd by Dan Pickar, motion carried.

Guest presentations- JD Waybill spoke regarding Swine Committee

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm to go into Linn County Extension Council Public

Motion to adjourn - Claire Smith, Dan Pickar 2nd, motion carried

MINUTES OF THE Linn County Agricultural Extension District Council:

Public Budget Hearing on the ISU Extension and Outreach in Linn County Extension Education Operating budget (plus Tort and/or Unemployment budget)

Council Chair Patty Webster called the Public Meeting to order at 5:15 pm

The notice of the public hearing did appear in the newspaper on February 21, 2020 and February 28, 2020 as required by law.

Comments/objections concerning the budget: there was none

Clair Smith moved, seconded by Dan Pickar, to close the Public Hearing, motion carried

Chairperson Webster reopened the regular council meeting at 5:19 pm

Regional Director Report- Jim Harken

Linn County Director Report- RaeAnn Gordon

Treasure Report- Designee, RaeAnn Gordon, motion to approve treasure's report as presented and to accept vouchers #24988 to #25044 by Dan Abel, seconded by Dana Nichols and the motion carried.

Dan Pickar moved that the FY 2021 Extension and Education operating Budget be approved for \$1,289,439.00 in expenditures with a total tax request of \$593,390.00, with \$571,151.00 from property tax and \$21,239.00 from utility excise tax with a mil of \$.050; with a Tort Liability levy of \$10,00.00; and Unemployment compensation levy of \$10,000.00 at a mill rate of \$.00211.

Seconded by Claire Smith, roll call vote

Patricia Webster – yay

Dan Abel – yay

Claire Smith – Yay

Dan Pickar – Yay

Dana Nichols – yay

Dennis Jordan – yay

Leland Freie – Yay

Motioned carried.

Committee Reports

Personnel committee Chair, Dan Pickar, discussed Best practices to continue; continue regular/quarterly staff recognition, insure communication between County Director and Personnel committee, continue to support a positive work culture and support staff.

Recommended approval to post Communication Director job description. Motion to approve made by Dan Pickar, seconded by Claire Smith, motion carried

Recommended approval to expand Johana Rahbusch's job description to include 4-H Assistant responsibilities with increase in hourly wage as determined with County Director

Motion to approve made by Dan Pickar, seconded by Dana Nichols, motion carried.

Recommended approval for continuing with Laurie Meierotto as part time bookkeeper.

Motion to approve made by Dan Pickar, seconded by Dana Nichols, motion carried.

Strategy/Programs committee- Dennis Jordan, Chair, Planning sessions scheduled for March 16th (canceled) and April 21st.

Facilities Report- Chair, Dan Abel, no report

Information/announcements- Rae Ann Gordon

Motion to adjourn- Claire Smith, 2nd Dana Nichols, motion carried

_____, Secretary
Leland Freie