

VAN BUREN COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2019

Chairman Kisling called the regular meeting of the board of the Van Buren County Extension Council to order at 7:02p.m. at the Extension office. There were eight council members present, including: Kisling, Eden, Peacock, Noll, Coffman, Westercamp, Gilchrist, and Whitaker. Plowman joined the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Staff present: Sara Sprouse, Nancy Carr, Sue Henderson and Jennifer Plowman

Eden moved to approve the agenda. Coffman seconded. The agenda was approved 8-0.

Public present: Richard Daugherty

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved: Coffman moved to approve with Noll seconding. Motion carried, 8-0.

Treasurer's report was given by Peacock. Treasurer's report of vouchers # 5443-5498 totaling \$17,307.08 was presented for November. Moved by Coffman that these vouchers be paid; seconded by Eden. Motion carried 8-0.

Staff reports were given. Noll moved to approve reports. Gilchrist seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

Sue Henderson reported about county insurance, claims, and liability for FY20 and Structured for Success. The council needs to make their choice for the new structuring by January 15, 2020. Legislative Day on the Hill is February 19th. The Extension Council Conference is March 28, they would like for 2 council representatives from each county attend.

Whitaker moved to form a committee to speak with auxiliary club leaders, as necessary, to unify rules regarding 4-H members submitting record keeping, making them eligible to receive awards. The committee will be Westercamp, Coffman, and Whitaker. Westercamp seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

Richard Daugherty spoke about the Van Buren County farm ground. He asked for ideas on ways Extension and 4-H could be involved with the farm. There is an advisory committee created by the Van Buren County Supervisors.

Eden moved to approve employee vacation days. Plowman seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

Coffman moved to have the budget committee examine options for radio advertising and report back to the board. Noll seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Sara Sprouse was present to answer any questions.

Coffman moved to approve Sheila Smith and Will Whitaker as volunteers. Eden seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

The Council was informed of Cale Plowman's resignation as beef superintendent.

Updates to the Fairboard/Extension/FFA Partnership Agreement were presented from the extension/fairboard committee. Kisling moved to include budgeting for fair ribbons(\$1500), fair trophies(\$1000), and fair judges(\$2500) in the amount of \$5000. Noll seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

Coffman moved to not have a December meeting. Eden seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

January refreshments--Coffman

Gilchrist moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Plowman seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

_____, Secretary