

University of Illinois Extension

Jo-Carroll Unit Advisory Council Meeting @ Mt. Carroll

Sept. 30, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Hidalgo. Council members present included: Ray Massingill, Fred Mehl, Sheila Alexander, Joyce McCready, Joyce Shubert, Chuck Wemstrom, and Steve Hidalgo. Staff members present were: John Swiech and Mark Maidak.

Secretary minutes were reviewed for additions and corrections. Ray M. moved to accept the minutes as read. Fred M. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Questions were answered. Joyce M. moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Ray M. seconded the motion.

A slate was created for the election of officers. The slate was as follows: Joyce McCready as Chairman; Fred Mehl as Vice-Chairman; Sheila Alexander as Secretary; Ray Massingill as Financial Reporter. Sheila A. moved to accept the slate. Joyce S. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A new Northwest Regional Advisory Council member needed to be appointed. Steve Hidalgo volunteered to fill this vacancy due to the ending of Joyce Shubert's term. Extension Board Member names were needed; 2 females and 2 males are needed. Sheila A. and Joyce M. volunteered to fill the female roles. Ray M. and Fred M. volunteered to fill the male roles.

Council member and staff sharings were presented. These reports were reviewed and questions were answered about them to the best ability by Mark Maidak. It was recommended that staff refrain from using abbreviations or clearly labeling the abbreviation the first time referred to in their reports.

John Swiech presented his report in person. He explained his position as being a four part position: a community development/extension staff member, Mt. Carroll Community Development Chairman, People for Progress Committee Chair, and the Marketing Chair for Mt. Carroll. He reported that he spends approximately 20 hour as his paid position and 30 hours as a volunteer position. He then enlightened the council with details about the many programs he is currently working with including: a loan program for Downtown Businesses, a Beautification Program, and Business Development programs at the Carrollton Inn, Kali Products, and Mt. Carroll Motel. He also updated the council on the Stone House and the Kraft Building Project. He closed with a summary about the Community Swap Exchange with communities from other counties. He did mention the CDAP Low Interest Loan for Community Development available to other communities as well.

Old business was then addressed. The response from the County Board was discussed; once again the Board received more request than money is available. Therefore cuts may be required. Although hopefully with the opening of the jail, finances should improve. Other old business included a

summary about the Youth Development Educator Funding. It is currently being funded but may require funding from individual units receiving services. Finally, names as nominations for council replacements are being taken. Any volunteers will be considered.

New business was establishing a Council Meeting Calendar. Ray M. moved to hold Council meetings every other month excluding the January meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Joyce M. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The In/Out & Federation Account Audit was presented. Ray moved and Joyce seconded to accept the Audit review as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The Local Business Charge Account list was presented. Any further names or business to be added were asked for. The listed was deemed acceptable. The list will be placed on file for this fiscal year.

The Jo-Carroll Unit Plan of Work and University of Illinois Extension Overview were discussed. It was recommended that Mark will put an overview and Unit Plan of Work into a PowerPoint presentation. He agreed and will present it at the November meeting.

Other discussion:

Chuck presented a request from the Carroll County Board to have copies of the minutes sent to them after each meeting. The location of future meetings will be discussed at the November meeting. Ray moved and Chuck seconded to adjourn the meeting.