

**University of Illinois Extension  
Jo-Carroll Unit Advisory Council Minutes  
January 30, 2007 -7:30 p.m.  
Mt. Carroll, IL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bob Revenaugh, Council Chairman.

Attending the meeting were council members Jane Adolph, Boyd Cox (telenet), Steve Hidalgo, Sue Kruse (telenet), Mike Lorig, Ray Massingill, Fred Mehl, Phil Michael, Bob Revenaugh, Joyce Schubert, Steve Stockton, and Shirley Turnbaugh.

Absent were council members Kathy Cyr, Joyce McCready and Codee Miller. Staff members attending were Mark Maidak, Unit Director, John Swiech, Community Developer, and Sara Hankemeier, Unit Youth Development Educator, who arrived at 8:15 p.m. Introductions were made.

Meeting Secretary - Steve Hidalgo agreed to serve as acting secretary for the meeting.

Minutes from the November 28, 2006 Meeting - approved by consensus as mailed.

Financial Report - Jane Adolph, Financial Recorder, provided an overview of the financial report. It was suggested that the report include a notation of the fiscal year dates. After some brief explanations by Mark, the financial report was approved by consensus.

Northwest Region Advisory Council Report – Joyce Schubert provided a short meeting overview

Special Guest Speaker – John Swiech, Community Developer, University of Illinois Extension and the Mt. Carroll Community Development Corporation (CDC), presented background information about the CDC and gave descriptions of the various community and economic development projects he is involved with. John was asked if his position was duplicative of the county economic development position. He replied that it was not as very few of the projects he focuses on gets any time from the county position as everyone is extremely busy.

Council Member Sharing / Staff Reports – Bob thanked Mark and the staff for all the hard work that they do. No other comments or questions came up during council sharing. Related to staff reports, it was noted that three reports (Leanne, Sara, and Virginia) were handed out at the meeting and not available to telenet participants.

**Old Business**

Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation – Mark reported that he had completed the hiring process of Chris Kirkpatrick, Natural Resources program coordinator, for the collaboration. Chris is housed at the Foundation offices in downtown Elizabeth.

Unit Plans of Work – Mark reminded each council member to refer to the previously provided plans of work in the various issues areas and provide any programming or collaboration suggestions that they might have.

### **New Business**

Strategic Agenda / Savanna Park District Collaboration – Mark provided an update on talks with the Park Board related to youth educational programming. If the program is a go, each unit staff member connected to Carroll County youth programming will be involved with the new staff member to identify and deliver relevant programming. This is considered a pilot case by Mark.

Challenge Grant Program – Mark briefly discussed the handout in the mailing about the challenge grant program offered by the State Extension Director. Essentially, matching funds are available at the state level for special projects that units could access if they did not have the finances to undertake the project on their own or could not wait for the next budget cycle.

Program Review Summary – Mark commented about the principal items uncovered in the state-wide recap of unit program review reports.

Other New Business – Mark let council know that he and another staff member was in the process of updating a new edition of the popular Carroll County Ag and Rural Heritage Tourism Guide booklet.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting – No suggestions were made.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. by consensus.

Minutes provided by Steve Hidalgo, Acting Secretary.