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**Extension Advisory Council Agenda and Minutes
Natural Resources, Environment, and Energy (NREE)
June 15, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**

Our Mission: To help our communities recognize our sustainability is directly related to the sustainability of our natural resources.

1. Welcome – Peggy Doty, Educator NREE
2. Advisory Members
 - a. Boone County – Dan Kane, Lisa Mund, and Bill Hall
 - b. DeKalb County – Jodi Gudewicz (had trouble connecting) and Anita Zurbrugg
 - c. Ogle County – Kayse Rushford
3. Dan and/or Anita can share how they feel about Extensions role in Climate Change. They had a face to face with the new Climate Specialist to give him their view of needs in the state.
 - Dan felt it was a sounding board and was a wide range of thoughts on the topic.
 - Make sure to follow science as Extension does. Challenge is to follow the science.
 - Need to get people engaged sooner than later.
 - Anita has been concerned that we have not been engaged in addressing climate change. People to address this statewide – Duane is not the scientist but could guide us.
 - No feedback from meeting with him.
 - Anita what are our constraints – climate change on the human element locally.
4. Advisory Input
 - Any new community needs to consider for this group.

Anita: native advantage - science behind native vs. cultivated. As it relates, to the pollinators. Peggy will ask the new pollinator specialist when fully onboard.
5. NREE programming activities looking ahead
 - a. Meeting with Judy Hodge, EPC in Boone, regarding public water programming in Boone.
6. NREE updates and programming through June.
 - G-Force Stem Club update on final Civic Engagement
Send videos to council
 - Master Naturalist Training in Ogle wrapped up
 - Master Watershed Steward Program Pilot – update
7. Dates for 2022 quarterly meetings.
 - a. September 27th @ 6:00 p.m. location TBD (Whole Unit Council)
 - b. December 14th @ in person or Zoom for bad weather

8. Final thoughts and comments

Dan shared:

- US Army of engineers and FEMA are updating flood maps for the Kishwaukee River. May be three phases with funding for phase 1 and partial for phase 2. Meeting on ZOOM 50 of 200 people invited attended.
- Dan feels a potential place for Extension on this project.
- Boone updating regional stormwater management plan. Because regional all municipality need to be on the same page. 2011 last update. Judy, Dan and Justin
- We need to be sure people understand surface and ground water are connected

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