

Minutes

The University of Missouri Extension Council in Platte County

February 2, 2026

The regular meeting of the University of Missouri Extension Council in Platte County hosted in person and via Zoom, was called to order at 6:01 PM.

Members Present: Matt Burris, Tiffany Burris, Sharon Warren, Chris Kempke

Members Absent: Jim Depreist, Joe Vanover

Master Gardeners: Carolyn Veller, Scott Wilkerson

Staff Present: GK Callahan, Marilyn Whitacre, Shatomi Luster-Edwards, Tim Tanner, Tracy Sanders, Elena Stephenson

Guest: Kristen Marshall, Jennifer Irey

Minutes: Sharon makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes for January, Tiffany seconded.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was adopted and submitted. There was a question about Extension Council paying utilities and lease for greenhouse, not EMGPC.

Staff Presentation: Dr. Tim Tanner, Director of MU Extension 4-H

Dr. Tanner presented the new 4-H Staffing Model which is being shared throughout the state of Missouri. Platte County is the first of the counties because the 4-H program is currently failing.

The model calls for a full-time specialist + YPA for Platte County. YPA, Emily would split her time at 40% outreach in school/after school, 50% traditional 4-H including programming, fair, clubs, administration and 10% beyond the county duties (state).

Specialists/Educations would be 50% county programming/outreach, 20% statewide, and 10% traditional. The goal by 2045 is to increase traditional 4-H enrollment to 274+ members where Platte County is currently at 43. There was a lot of discussion about the new model and Extension Council members were encouraged for the growth in Platte County 4-H. A Council member suggested to invite a "green county" to come talk to Platte County about what they are doing to raise membership. A "green county" was shown on a territory map of Missouri that are thriving in Missouri 4-H.

Carry Over Business & New Business:

Tiffany made a motion to accept the MOU as written with Sharon seconding and all accepted the motion.

Election results were shared with the Council. New members are:

- Matt Burris
- Tiffany Burris
- Cierra Halbirt
- Bob McGee
- Danelle McGee
- Justin Park
- Sarah Parker

Sharon B. Warren forgot to vote for herself and was voted in by the council.
Wayne Flanary, Agronomist, has requested funds to provide a light meal during the PPAT to be held on February 27, 2026. Sharon made a motion to provide up to \$100.00 for the meal and Tiffany seconded the motion. Motion passed.
Justin Strikland was not at the meeting to request funding for the Robotics program at Maple Elementary in Smithville. An email vote will take place prior to the next meeting.
Chris makes a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM and Sharon seconded.

Submitted by,
Marilyn Whitacre, Acting Secretary