

Environmental Horticulture Advisory Board

March 17, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Fritz Bateman, Wolf Creek Golf Course; Nathan Campbell, Danville Gardens; Sean Doggett, Turtle Run Golf Club; Jenney Hanrahan, U of I Extension; Kristy Herr, Herr Farms; Dave Kietzmann, DACC; Ken Konsis, Conservation District; Amanda Krabbe, DACC; Steve Lane, City of Danville; Darrel Light, Berry's Garden Center; Steve Light, Berry's Garden Center; Kent Miles, Illinois Willows; Dr. Stephen Nacco, DACC; Bruce Rape, DACC; Paul Sermersheim, Habitat for Humanity; Rob Williamson, Danville Gardens

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business to report

NEW BUSINESS

Bruce introduced the program and explained the enrollment issues with Horticulture. The college doesn't want to lose this program so Amanda revamped the program to attract students with a more generalized curriculum, some new courses and renamed the degree Environmental Horticulture to reflect the trends in the U.S. toward green and sustainable agriculture. Some of the horticulture classes are part of the bonus course curriculum that was implemented this Spring (more classes to be added in fall).

The plant sale will be April 28 from 9-2pm. This program gives the students experience in cuttings and seed planting. This one day event raises money for scholarships in the horticulture program.

The DACC Land Lab is 5-acres donated on 411 N. Daisy Lane to raise crops for the community. There is a need for tile to be put in for drainage in the back of the farm where there is clay and the water stands when it rains. Amanda received \$2000 in grants to pay for this.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Amanda would like the industry partners to come talk to the students about opportunities in horticulture. Paul Sermersheim volunteered the Americor teens (18-24) to come and give presentations from now until end of April.

Jenney Hanrahan said that Amanda could come to talk to the U of I Master Gardner's. Some of them may be interested in taking individual classes.

DATE of NEXT MEETING

TBD

MINUTES SUBMITTED by:

Respectfully submitted,

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