County Extension Council Member Position Description

Responsibilities: Elected or appointed to represent the broad educational needs and backgrounds of people residing in the county, council members are the local link between county residents and the University of Missouri. State statutes (Sections 262.550 to 262.620) set forth the primary responsibilities of county extension council members:

1. Assist in the planning and delivery of extension education in the county and in making recommendations to the University, as they deem necessary.
2. Make recommendations to the University regarding the appointment or removal of University-employed personnel assigned to the county.
3. Arrange for and administer the county share of the cost of the extension services over which the council has jurisdiction.
4. Receive, hold and/or sell real and personal property reasonably required for the extension program.

Accountability: Council members are accountable to county residents.

Term of Office: County extension council members serve two-year terms. Individuals may serve two consecutive terms.

Qualifications and Requirements:
1. Citizen of voting age
2. Interest in the well-being of county residents
3. Willingness to participate in planning educational programs for county residents
4. Knowledge of county residents and communities
5. Attendance at extension council meetings
6. Participation on committees that further extension education in the county.

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