

Cooper County Extension Council Member Description

The Vision of University of Missouri Extension is a valued and trusted educational solution to improve the quality of life in Missouri, the nation and the world.

The Mission is to improve lives, communities and economies by producing relevant, reliable, and responsive educational strategies that enhances access to the resource and research of the University of Missouri Extension.

University of Missouri Extension is able to fulfill its mission by partnering with local residents to extend the educational resources and research of the University of Missouri.

Extension Council Responsibilities

1. Help guide local extension programming based on the needs of the community.
2. Support and promote extension activities and programming.
3. Provide organizational planning.
4. Manage the local extension budget and operations including council-employed personnel and office operations.
5. Consult with University administration concerning the assignment of MU Extension faculty in Cooper County.
6. Evaluate the performance of Extension faculty and staff.

Individual Member Responsibilities

1. Attend council meetings regularly (in-person or virtually) and participate in training opportunities.
2. Participate in one or more committees.
3. Assist with council elections.
4. Avoid conflict of interests.
5. Learn about the wealth of resources provided by MU and the University of Missouri System.
6. Serve two-year term with the option of serving two consecutive terms.
7. Serve as a local contact for the University of Missouri.

Your Rewards

- Gain experience serving as an elected official for your county.
- You will make a positive difference in the lives of the people in your community.
- Participate in leadership development

MU Extension Responsibilities

1. Provide a continuous flow of information about University and council programs, resources, and activities.
2. Encourage participation in county and regional training experiences.
3. Provide orientation to new Extension Council members.
4. A network that connects you with people in other counties.
5. Provide social and economic data that outline trends and conditions in Cooper County and surrounding areas.