

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education  
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday, February 5, 2015  
Minutes

Chairman Flesch called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Roll Call: David Olson, Elling Jones, Wade Dull, Pete Flesch. Not present: Derek Flansburgh.  
Extension staff in attendance: Vance Haugen, Jane Schaaf, Amy Mitchell, Karen Snitker.

Posting of agenda verified by Chairman Flesch.

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Jones, second by Olson. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items - Matt Hanson will be coming to the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and if agreeable with the committee, our office requests to hold the meeting at 10:30 AM, after the Fair committee meeting.

University of WI Extension Items - Agent reports:

- Sonya Lenzendorf, WNEP Nutrition Coordinator – Sonya has been busy in the schools. She was teaching at 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in Prairie du Chien in the beginning of the 2014 school year then taught 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders at North Crawford in November & December. She's In Seneca now teaching K-5<sup>th</sup> graders and will be going to Hillsboro and ending the school year with Wauzeka.
- Sonya is hiring a nutrition educator based out of Vernon County. Posting is open until Feb 17.
- Healthy Roots Coalition – Through the Active School \$500 Mini-Grant program, each school has a “connector” with Sonya helping the Seneca school to be more active. They made kits for indoor recess activities versus playing board games. The kits included Nerf Frisbees, Hula Hoops, etc.

Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent –

- Vernon County is filling the Ag position that's open. As Regional Vice Chair, Vance is part of the initial screening process. He's getting more calls from Vernon than Grant believing this is due to Grant still having a crop Ag Agent.
- Attended a cover crop meeting – working with NRCS. The meeting was regarding aerial application.
- Extension is doing something different for the Federal Farm Bill. Instead of every Ag Agent becoming completely immersed in the meetings, key folks were selected to do that and those individuals give presentations. Bill Halfman, Monroe County Ag Agent, put on three meetings in Crawford County, Vance attended the one held in Gays Mills.
- Attended an agronomy update meeting.

Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent - Jane presented a hardcopy of her report which will be placed on file.

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent –

- Strengthening 4-H Clubs and Leadership
  - Facilitated the annual mandatory 4-H Leader Training.
  - Attended the Nifty Neighbors 4-H Club meeting and presented STEM lessons.
  - Worked with members of the 4-H Leader's Association to update their Reimbursement Guidelines.
  - Recruited volunteers and members to participate in the livestock quiz bowl and skillathon.

- Connecting with the Community
  - Taught a mentor training to volunteers at the Boscobel School District After School program.
  - Started planning summer activities.
  - 4-H Tech Wizards.
- Professional Development
  - Southwest Region all staff wisline
  - Department of Youth Development Standard, Rank and Promotions obligations
  - 4-H Youth Development Program Area wisline
  - Tenured Faculty Review.
  - Chaired a *Helping Youth Understand Issues in Agriculture* wisline.
  - Continued planning for the ag literacy day camp in partnership with other county agents and specialists.

Will Cronin, CNRED Educator – Will is at the UW-Madison Hospital with his wife but prepared a hardcopy of his report, which will be placed on file.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – February 2015 Agent calendars were distributed.

Date of next meeting: March 5, 2015 10:30 or immediately following the Fair Committee meeting.

Approve payment of bills – Ag/Extension and Fair bills presented by Karen Snitker. Motion to approve the bills by Dull, second by Jones. Motion carried by call of the roll.

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Correspondence: None presented

Motion by Dull, second by Olson, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant