

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, June 2, 2016
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

Roll Call: David Olson, Mary Kuhn, Donald Stirling, Wayne Jerrett. Others in attendance: Vance Haugen, Jane Schaaf, Amy Mitchell, Will Cronin, Sonya Lenzendorf, Karen Snitker.

Posting of agenda verified by Snitker.

Motion by Olson, second by Kuhn to approve the minutes; motion carried with no negative votes cast.

University of WI Extension Items

WNEP Coordinator, Sonya Lenzendorf:

- Finished up in the schools.
- As Coordinator in Vernon County - Worked on a two-hour based community food challenge with students during shared time in Vernon. The challenge revealed that time, as it would be in "normal" life, transportation, and availability of healthy food were issues.
- In the past few weeks, Sonya's been working on Crawford County on the Move; the annual 9-week walk/run training program; it will end with a community 5k this year versus a 5k during the fair. There are usually about 100 participants; some walkers, some learning to run and runners.

Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent, shared her monthly report, providing the members with a hardcopy that will be placed on file.

Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent

- Held two pasture walks – one a traditional walk held on a Tuesday, with 41 people attending at host Don Boland's farm in Crawford County. Also held a non-traditional walk in Viola WI with 40 people attending; Dr. Larry Smith and Jim Munch were guest speakers, focusing on the topic of buying cattle. Following the lecture, attendees toured the sale barn. Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the participants attended the 1 p.m. cattle auction.

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent

- After School Program – 2-5 graders – Seneca - 4-H Food Smart Program regarding healthy eating and physical activity. About 20 kids attended along with the teen leaders Amy trained. Great partnership with school district and the Ag teacher who made it possible for the training to take place during school.
- Finished up Robotics After-School program, held twice a month in Prairie du Chien; anywhere from 12-16 youth participated. Building robots – youth learn engineering, math, etc. skills. Ended program by going to a nursing home to demonstrate their robots which also gave them experience in speaking, etc.
- Amy is part of Crawford County Farm Safety Council that holds an Annual Safety Day Camp for 5th graders. Various businesses participated, such as Scenic Rivers – electrical safety; Ocooch Mountain EMT's – emergency presentations; Gays Mills Veterinary – small animal safety; many hands on activities with kids. Teachers are supportive and help determine changes that need to be made.
- Hired Lexi Bird for the summer internship position – Lexi attended a 4-H regional meeting with Amy in Dodgeville to meet other interns and learn about her summer internship role.
- Amy attended an Ag work team meeting in the Dells; discussed plan of work which includes a lot of planning for summer; many camps. Amy will be starting science clubs at the Gays Mills and Prairie du Chien libraries.
- 4-H Project Meetings - there are many adult leader volunteers – for example: Dog Project leader held meetings every Sunday in May; Clothing Project meetings held by

two leaders; Photography Project leaders took their youth to MN Zoo for learning to take great pictures there.

Will Cronin, Community, Natural Resource and Economic Development (CNRED)

- Will is working on the big USDA Farmers Market Grant project – he started doing customer surveys at all three markets and made site visits to these markets; planning to do that relatively regularly.
 - Working with UW River Falls Service Center through the grant; involving a survey of households in Crawford County to find out why people are or are not using markets.
 - Still working on getting markets set up with electronic payment system.
- Will has been asked by Prairie du Chien, Parks and Rec Dept. to work on a plan for St. Feriole Island gardens. The city wants to do selective harvesting of walnut trees, sell the wood and invest the funds into the park.
- Working with regional work force group regarding the future of Kickapoo Valley. Held a demographic overview and discussion at BAPI, Cashton. UW-Extension Specialist spoke on demographic and economic trend; good representation from Crawford County.
- As part of a Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) grant from WI-Department of Tourism, worked on a data analysis for the Rummage Along the River Event surveying customers, vendors and local hotels/motels in Genoa, Bad Axe area, De Soto, Ferryville, etc.
- Attended the Regional Extension meeting regarding the future of extension.
- The SW Community CNRED In-service was held in Steuben at Mother Earth Green Center; it was very well attended.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items – None presented

Date of next meeting - July 7, 2016

Review Agents Programs and Activities – June calendars were distributed.

Approve payment Ag/Extension bills: Bills presented by Karen Snitker. Motion to pay bills as presented by Olson, second by Kuhn; motion carried unanimously by call of the roll.

Approve payment of Fair bills – Bills presented by Karen Snitker. Motion to pay bills as presented by Stirling, second by Jerrett; motion carried unanimously by call of the roll.

Correspondence: None presented.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Olson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant