

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, January 7, 2016
Minutes

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

Roll Call: David Olson, Pete Flesch, Wade Dull, Derek Flansburgh. Absent: Elling Jones
Extension staff in attendance: Vance Haugen, Amy Mitchell, Will Cronin, Jane Schaaf, Sonya Lenzendorf

Posting of agenda verified by Flesch.

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

University of WI Extension Items - Agent reports:

Sonya Lenzendorf, WNEP Nutrition Coordinator:

- Sonya has been busy updating curriculum so that it fits with the state WNEP guidelines.
- She will start teaching in Seneca later this month.
- She talked about the book Slim by Design, which Healthy Roots used to guide some of their recent efforts. The book describes small changes that can be made at the environmental level that have a big impact on health. Currently, Healthy Roots is focusing on smarter lunchrooms. Schools were offered mini-grants to make some changes in their lunchroom environment which would nudge students to make healthy choices.

Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent:

- Jane demonstrated the exercises used in the Stay Strong program. She described the research behind the program and the testing done before/after the program.

Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent

- The last pasture walk of 2015 was held at the Donnie Boland farm with 18 participants.
- Vance worked with a basin educator and forester from La Crosse on a silvopasturing program. Silvopasturing is a way of combining forestry and grazing in a mutually beneficial way.
- As part of his statewide appointment, Vance worked with a Jackson County farmer on dairy modernization.
- He was a guest lecturer on campus in Madison.
- He helped facilitate a farm financial transfer meeting held in Gays Mills and co-sponsored by Crawford, Richland and Grant County UW-Extension. There were 38 people attending.

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent

- The after school nutrition program in Boscobel concluded; this program utilizes older teens in teaching nutrition to younger youth.
- She will be doing a family night in Boscobel, partnering with Grant County WNEP.
- She finished training older teens in Wauzeka so that this after school program can be done there. In Wauzeka, she will partner with Sonya for the family night.
- Amy conducted a club officer training with 28 participants. This number is significantly higher than the past few years. She will be following up with them to see how they are using the training they received.

Will Cronin, CNRED Educator:

- Will was promoted by his academic department to the rank of Assistant Professor without Tenure. His previous rank was Instructor.
- He facilitated a business support meeting with the Kickapoo Exchange resulting in a new website utilizing Google Business.
- Will helped planned the CNRED regional in-service meeting in December.
- He is working with the search/screen committee for the Economic Development Corporation director position.
- He will be conducting a managerial training for staff at Bluff Haven and Sanes Care Centers.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – January 2016 Agent calendars were distributed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items:

- The agents received a copy this morning of the proposed plan for reorganization. Basic information was highlighted for the committee.
- A webinar from UW-Extension/WCA to discuss the plan will be held on Thursday, January 14th at 10:30AM. Jane will arrange for Wade and David to watch the webinar at the Highway Department. It will also be available in the office for anyone who wishes to watch it there.

Public Comments – None presented.

Date of next meeting: February 4, 9:00 AM, Conference Room 215.

Approval of payment of bills– Flesh tabled payment of bills until Fair Committee meeting.

Correspondence: None presented.

Motion to adjourn by Olson, second by Flansburgh. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent