

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education  
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday July 2, 2015  
Minutes

In Chairman Flesch's absence, Fair Secretary, David Olson assumed Chair responsibilities. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Roll Call: David Olson, Elling Jones, Derek Flansburgh. Absent: Pete Flesch, Wade Dull. Extension staff in attendance: Jane Schaaf, Vance Haugen, Karen Snitker.

Posting of agenda verified by Jones.

Motion by Jones, second by Flansburgh to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried with no negative votes.

University of WI Extension Items - Agent reports:

- Sonya Lenzendorf, WNEP Nutrition Coordinator – Washington DC for a nutrition training.
- Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent –
  - Presented a follow-up survey with Stay Strong Participants from this past Spring. This program was developed at Tuft's University and has a strong evidence base. Local evaluation results line up well with national results.
    - 88% of the approximate 30 participants responded it's an overall benefit to them
    - 95% reported they are stronger, more endurance, sleep better, made new friends, a few said even the doctor noticed improvement.
    - 74% reported they were now taking better care of themselves.
    - Additional comments revealed that participants were more motivated because they met with a group. Several expressed gratitude that the class was free. Although contributions from the participants are accepted, funding from ADRC has helped to purchase weights, etc. This helps keep the program at no cost to participants.
  - Jane is on the Couleecap board and presented a program update handout outlining the number of Crawford County participants in various Couleecap programs.
- Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent –
  - Public Relations – attended the June Dairy Breakfast on the Farm at Jelineks where approximately 2600 people attended
  - Part of Vance's responsibilities is to meet with new agents that come on board. He met with Kory Stalsberg, Grant and Lafayette Counties new Ag/Dairy Livestock Agent.
  - Two Great River Graziers Pasture Walks were held in Vernon County
    - Jim Muncsh has been a Great River Graziers member for many years. 33 attendees. Haugen has seen a huge change in that farm which helps show people they can focus on grazing.
    - Tom Colman, another Great River Graziers member. 43 attendees. The Graziers partnered with NRCS and Land Conservation at this pasture walk. Dug a couple of soil pits and a soil scientist explained soil horizons, etc. From the crowd survey, people felt they got something good out of the demonstration.
  - Visited a few places after the June 22 Tornado to be a witness to the damage these Crawford County individuals experienced. Haugen doesn't believe the area will be declared a Disaster.
  - Spent a lot of time through Ag Natural Resource Extension (ANRE) looking at futuring for the Ag program, focusing on where Ag should go in the next five years. The group came up with guidelines they've sent to the Dean.

- Participated in five different meetings, most by teleconference. The ANRE group is looking at this as an opportunity to come up ways that will help make improvements where improvements are needed.
- Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent – at 4-H Upham Woods Camp
- Will Cronin, CNRED Educator – Madison at an appointment.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – July Agent calendars were distributed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items –

- WACEC is the WI Associated County Extension Committees, Inc. providing a forum for the consideration of problems and policies of concern to the committee of the County Board of each county in the state responsible for extension programs in the county, etc. The members include all members of committees on agriculture and extension education county boards. Each year members are invited to the state WACEC Conference where members are honored for 5, 10, 15 or more years of service. David and Elling will receive a certificate for their 5 years of service. Should any member not want to receive WACEC e-mails, they can unsubscribe from receiving such e-mails.

Date of next meeting: August 6, 2015, 9:30 a.m. By consensus of committee members, if it is agreeable to Chairman Flesch, the committee is interested in changing the start time of the regular monthly meetings to 9 AM. If not, the next meeting will begin at 9:30 AM.

Approve Payment of bills: Motion by Jones, second by Flansburgh to approve bills as presented. Motion carried by call of the roll.

Correspondence: None presented.

Motion by Flansburgh, second by Jones to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:25 AM.