

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

Chairman Flesch called the meeting to order at 11 AM.

Roll Call: David Olson, Elling Jones, Wade Dull, Pete Flesch, Derek Flansburgh. Others in attendance: Vance Haugen, Jane Schaaf, Amy Mitchell, Karen Snitker and Matthew Hanson, SW Regional Director.

Posting of agenda verified by Chairman Flesch.

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

University of WI Extension Items - Agent reports:

- Sonya Lenzendorf, WNEP Nutrition Coordinator – Sonya presented a hardcopy of her year-end overview. Hardcopy will be placed on file.
- Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent - reported 2015 highlights; hardcopy will be placed on file.
- Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent – Vance reports, while some of the Ag program content is different than Family Living, the reasons Jane presented is what makes it fun to work and, he added, it's great to have a good committee to work with. Things ebb and flow. February seems to be a big month for his program. He reports he spent a lot of time at meetings, working with NRCS on crop management, FSA on the farm bill and dairy modernization work. He met with two young farmers who are implementing dairy modernization systems, one in Crawford and another right across the border. Did approximately 15-20 radio spots, held the Pesticide Applicator Training with 27 in attendance, worked with the Chamber of Commerce for the Farmers Appreciation Day. Most recently, he attended the MOSES Conference with 80 attendees at his Ergonomic and Sensible Low – Cost Milking Systems session. Vance has also been involved with the Beginning Farmers Class.
- Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent – Amy presented her year in review by asking the committee members questions related to her program area and expounded on each point presented. Hardcopy of her report will be placed on file.
- Will Cronin, CNRED Educator – Will presented a hardcopy of his report; it will be placed on file.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – March 2-15 Agent calendars were distributed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items –

Matthew Hanson, Southern Regional Director – Agent reviews and updates from State Planner.

What's happening at UW-Extension – There's uncertainty regarding the budget in relationship to the proposed \$300,000,000 statewide University of Wisconsin budget cut. Revenue forecast is the most important driver. Federal funding is stable and it looks like it will be for some period of time. Currently UW-Extension is working on filling 8-10 positions, one of which is the Crawford/Vernon County WNEP position which Sonya is seeking to fill.

Agent reviews – Motion by Dull, second by Jones, the services and programming of the staff has been to their satisfaction for the previous year. Motion carried with no negative votes. Vance stated for the record, "The programming done by each educator has lived up to expectations," with Amy and Jane agreeing as shared department heads.

Flesch left at noon for another meeting with Dull assuming the Chair position.

Regarding Agent reviews, from Hanson's perspective, things are going well and asked the committee to contact him if they ever feel there's anything that's off track.

Date of next meeting: April 2, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

Approve payment of bills: Fair and Ag/Extension bills presented by Karen Snitker. Motion to pay bills as presented by Olson, second by Jones. Motion carried unanimously by call of the roll.

Correspondence: None presented

Motion by Jones, second by Olson, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant