

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education  
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday, October 6, 2016  
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

Roll Call: David Olson, Donald Stirling, Wade Dull, Wayne Jerrett. Absent: Mary Kuhn. Others in attendance: Amy Mitchell, Will Cronin, Karen Snitker.

Posting of agenda verified by Dull.

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

University of WI Extension Items –

Sonya Lenzendorf, WNEP Coordinator -

- Sonya shared the latest Food \$ense Newsletter – This newsletter talks about the new Dietary guidelines. While many things are the same, one change is the focus on looking more at eating patterns and making small changes towards better eating.
- Presented a series of lessons at low-income housing units. All sessions are scheduled for 30 minutes; because people are very engaged, most lessons tend to become an hour long. Lesson topics - What's healthy; how you can afford it, fruits and vegetables, saving money away from home and healthy snacks.
- Working on year-end report with her new year just starting in October.
- Currently working on scheduling classroom sessions in all Crawford County public schools. She's starting in Prairie du Chien the end of this month.

Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent – Jane is facilitating the Stay Strong session; will report later during the meeting or will visit with committee members between Extension and Fair Committee meetings.

Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent – Attending the World Dairy Expo event, overseeing the Grazing Initiative Booth.

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent –

- Amy invited committee members to 4-H Awards Night, October 21 for the year-end celebration of what the youth accomplished.
- September, busy reflecting on what went good and what could be improved. Record books are due to leaders and spending time verifying information that needs to be included so awards can be ordered.
- Planning for new 4-H year.
- Fair –worked with Meat Animal Auction Committee regarding beef, sheep pig and goat projects. The committee members are a very interested and vested people. Amy's role in the group is as educator. The committee expanded the mandatory quality assurance meeting to all youth versus only the pork project entrants.
- Met with Happy-Hi-liters club; reviewing the year and goals for the new year.
- This week is National 4-H Week – 4-H youth did a public service announcement with the local radio station and sold ads to local businesses to earn money towards 4-H trips.

Will Cronin – CNRED Educator

- Farmers Market
  - County wide survey of households is done with a total of 1800 surveys sent out and 500 returned. Because enough were returned, the survey center is able to break down the results in quarter county increments. This will go into the marketing plan; he will work with vendors during the winter.
  - USDA gave a grant extension until the end of October for Crawford County Farmers Markets Grow to access available funds.
  - Crawford County Markets Grow is now officially incorporated as a non-stock corporation, with non-profit status coming soon. Sherry Quamme, Brad Niemcek and Ron Leys are the board members; the bylaws also stipulate two representatives from each market. Future Board members are to be determined. They are endeavoring to have a plan in place to pay market coordinators in 2017.
- Will is the newest member of the Community Vitality and Placemaking Team; they are currently involved in quick, intense community design projects. He traveled to Hurly; the team is working on designs for two trailhead parks for a rail trail. Will is hoping to bring the group to Crawford County.
- Will is officially applying for tenure; working on his portfolio and in December is going before the state for approval and has been elected secretary/treasurer of the Driftless Wisconsin Board.
- Crawford County Community Fund is about ready to pick awardees.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – October calendars were distributed

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items –

Regional reformation meeting held in LaCrosse, 9:30-noon Thursday: Wade announced he would not be able to attend nor would Tom Cornford. Amy, Will and Jan plan on attending.

Date of next meeting: November 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

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

Correspondence: None

Motion by Olson, second by Jerrett to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant