

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday August 6, 2015
Minutes

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

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

Posting of agenda verified by Flesch.

Motion by Olson, 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 – On vacation this week
- Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent – Jane presented a hardcopy of her report; report will be placed on file.
- Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent –
 - Couple of pasture walks – Chad Sime with around 20-25 attendees and Susie/Doug Konicheck, around 25 attendees.
 - Attended small farm team meeting in Custer, WI.
 - Commercial grass seed production – Vance is working with Larry Smith to get USDA Hidden Valley meadow fescue (cool season grass) produced. Working towards getting a private company to produce and then will be sold by Grassworks. It's not a simple thing to do.
- Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent –
 - 4-H Camp - 25 campers attended from Crawford County. 3-4 counselors were trained to help deliver the camp program. Great camp and counselors overall.
 - Washington DC – 4-H Food Smart Families – Through a Healthy Living grant that's administered statewide 4 people were sent to Washington DC from our state – Sonya Lenzendorf, two youth from the Wauzeka and Seneca school district attended with Amy.
 - Having a great summer – working in partnership with Kathy Quamme, they held the Pals for Good Summer Camps again at Wauzeka (32 attendees), Seneca (23 attendees) and Prairie du Chien (35 attendees). Great older youth helpers. We were able to bring a state specialist in for the youth to learn about derricks completing a water windmill challenge. The final survey proved there's more interest in science and STEM related fields.
 - Held 4-H Food Cake & Clothing Review – there are project leaders trying to revive the clothing project. Held a clothing project meeting related to repurposing old jeans – a few kids attended.
 - Canoe camp was held. Because of threatening weather forecast, did not canoe but spent time at Wildcat State Mountain Park with Project Leader, Jim Rhode, who organized the camp.
 - Ag Literacy Camp held July 20-24. The youth stayed on the UW Platteville farm. Took a field trip to sunflower farm and toured the campus.
 - Four kids were state qualified at the 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. They competed at another level of competition with 2-10 year olds and 2 -12 year olds.
- Will Cronin, CNRED Educator – Will presented a hardcopy of his report; hardcopy will be placed on file.
- Review Agents Programs and Activities – August Agent calendars were distributed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items –

- Agents' contracts were presented. Motion to approve by Dull, second by Jones. No further discussion. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- 2016 budget – handed out and reviewed maintained at a flat budget.

Date of next meeting: September 3, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Approval of payment of bills – Chairman Flesch tabled until Fair Committee meeting

Correspondence: None presented

Motion by Flansburgh, second by Olson, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant