

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting
Crawford County Administration Building Room 215
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, January 3, 2019
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Members present: David Olson, Mary Kuhn, Don Stirling, Wayne Jerrett (arrived at 9:08). Others present: Amanda Griswold, Sonya Lenzendorf, Adam Hady, Craig Saxe, UW-Extension AED.

Agenda posting was verified.

Motion to approve minutes by Mary, second by Dave. Motion carried unanimously.

UW Extension items – Agent and Coordinator Reports

--Amy Mitchell, 4-H and Youth Development Educator – At an appointment.

--Sonya Lenzendorf, FoodWise Coordinator –

- In December Sonya provided education at the Couleecap Food Pantry and used a conference room at City Hall for this programming. The space worked great and is planning to use it again in the future. She also facilitated the monthly Food Service Director meeting in which the topic this month was breakfast and lunch menus. She completed the FoodWise Year-End report for Crawford-Richland-Vernon area. In Crawford County alone, over 500 learners were reached, the majority being youth in school. Lastly, the Healthy Roots Exercise Opportunities flyer was shared with the committee.

--Adam Hady, Agriculture Educator –

- Adam's scheduled office hours in Crawford County will be Thursday and Friday. Mondays will vary depending on programming and farm visits while Tuesday and Wednesday he will be in Richland County. In December, Adam received many calls from Crawford County residents, many about Beef Quality Assurance. Recently the Ag Educators in Area 13 have planned programming to offer throughout the area. Upcoming presentations include: Farm Bill Update and Shifting Gears Program (4-week session on transitioning out of Dairy), location is Soldiers Grove Library. Master Gardener Program in Crawford County is highlighted in the state as a good model, Adam is over this program but Karen Snitker does much of the coordinating of the program. Thank you to Adam for coming to Crawford.

--Amanda Griswold – Human Development and Relationships Educator

Amanda shared updates on four primary areas of focus this last month:

- No Longer together but Parents Forever: Classes are on the calendar and people are signed up. Judge is on board and is supportive by making sure parents are taking the class.
- Financial Education: Finances are a fundamental part of life for families. Looking into getting more formal training in specific curriculum. Has talked with Associate Bank and they will meet freely with any family helping them get a checking account and improve their credit scores. Three of our hotels in town are primarily transitional housing, Amanda sees this area as a need in the community to help families.

- Stay Strong: Currently registered for this training in June. Jane is continuing to teach here and Amanda is planning to help her. Talking with Bluff Haven about expanding Stay Strong there and possibly getting a staff person trained as well.
- Employee Wellness: Amanda asked the board to support Healthy Roots and the employee wellness program by taking the Healthy Roots pledge. Mary made a motion to support making the Healthy Roots pledge, second Don, discussion. Mary made a motion to resend the original motion and amend it to have a resolution brought to the Ag/Ext Committee in February, seconded by Dave, motion approved.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items

--Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director - UW-Extension Educator Positions – Community Natural Resource & Economic Development Educator

- Craig and State Community Development, Institute Director, Will Andresen met with Jim Bowman and the Driftless Development, Inc. (DDI) Executive Committee to go over details of the Community Development Educator position. They reviewed the position description shared at last month's committee meeting. The phrase "and Driftless Development, Inc." has been added to the sentence regarding funding support. That sentence now reads that program coverage is contingent on County and Driftless Development, Inc. funding support. DDI is supportive of this addition to the position description. Motion made by Olson, seconded by Kuhn to approve moving forward with the updated position description. Motion carried unanimously.
- DI also recommended developing a separate document to further clarify DDI as a collaborator for this position and to share this document with candidates during the interview process.
- The State has recommended that financial support from DDI flow through the County. The Committee suggested that Corporation Council be contacted to help develop a document summarizing how funding would be handled.

Review Agent(s) programs and activities

- Adam will be attending a program in WI Dells on Jan. 31st and Feb. 1st
- Amanda will be off 1 week in Jan for the Fair Convention.

Public Comments – None Presented.

Date of next meeting – February 7, 2019; 9AM Room 215

Motion to approve payment of bills by Dave, second by Wade. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Correspondence – None presented.

Adjournment – Motion by Wayne, second by Mary. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 10:01 AM.

Sonya Lenzendorf, FoodWise Coordinator