

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting
Crawford County Administration Building,
Room 236, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, January 5, 2023

Mary Kuhn, Chair, called the meeting to order 10:08 a.m.

Members Present: Owen DuCharme, Wayne Jerrett. David Olson. Others present: Adam Hady (Area Extension Director), Amanda Griswold, Sheena Cook-Fuglsang, Amy Mitchell, Carolyn Ihde, Karen Snitker

Verify posting of Agenda by Mary.

Approval of December minutes – Motion by Owen, second by Wade. Motion carried unanimously.

University of Wisconsin Extension Items -Educators/Coordinators report/s

Amy reported 4-H Programming:

- Both 4-H Officer training and YQCA trainings were held in December.
- North Clayton Cardinals 4-H Club (Leader – Margaret Davidson) received a grant of \$5000 and the Pickett Fence held a fundraiser gifting the 4-H Clothing Project with (Leader Orsa Cornwall) \$215 plus matching funds in fabric donation.
- Amy has started 2023 Summer Planning
 - Camp dates are set for June 10-13
 - 4-H Leaders receive training on various topics both in person and online.
 - Amy shared information regarding a new training on Youth Mental Health that is available for volunteers and required for volunteers that chaperone overnight experiences and
 - Amy is planning the Summer Science Programs including an “Into the Lab” educational experience at Upham Woods and an overnight educational experience at the River Museum in Dubuque.

Sheena presented FoodWise Programming:

- Participant Policy - Before adjourning in December, the House and Senate adopted the final fiscal year 2023 spending bill. Within this bill, SNAP emergency allotments have been decoupled from the public health emergency. February 2023 is the last month Wisconsin will issue emergency allotment benefits. Starting March 2023, FoodShare households will only receive their normal FoodShare benefits. This will significantly impact our program participants and their ability to purchase food. DHS will publicly share this information next week, and we are working with our colleagues at Covering Wisconsin regarding messaging for partners and participants.
- Work in Crawford County – Sheena has been working with ADRC on how to support their scratch cooking effort while also supporting healthy, local produce in schools. We will be working together this summer to arrange more transportation for limited income audiences to utilize SNAP and also help them with the FMNP program.
- Update on Educator hiring - The search was failed. We will reassess based on new needs and information and repost with potentially a sign on bonus.

Carolyn presented upcoming Ag programming which is included in our January newsletter – Carolyn focused on the Small Ruminant Webinar Series, Driftless Region Beef Conference, Badger Lambing School and the upcoming UW Madison Extension 2023 Cattle Feeder Clinic.

Amanda presented Parenting program updates related to the “Just In Time” newsletters for parents and the new format being used for parents of Newborns. She also focused on Families & Finances – Raising Wisconsin’s Children 2023 Conference through Zoom sessions offered January 23-27th. Both programs are included in our January newsletter.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items:

- Adam Hady, Area Extension Director, reports:
 - The Community Development Educator position has been re-posted; closing date of January 26.
 - Held final interviews for the CDE position in Vernon County yesterday and Monroe County is working on fulfilling a 4-H Educator position.

Date of next meeting: February 2, 2023. 10:00 AM or immediately following the Fair Committee Meeting.

Motion by Dave, second by Owen to approve payment of bills as presented; motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Correspondence – none.

Adjournment: Motion by Wayne, second by Dave. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 11:03 AM.

Minutes submitted by Karen Snitker