

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, April 5, 2018

Minutes

In Chairman Dull's absence, Vice-Chairman David Olson called the meeting to order 9:02 AM.

Roll Call: David Olson, Wayne Jerrett, Mary Kuhn, Donald Stirling (arrived 9:32 a.m.). Excused absence: Wade Dull, Others in attendance: Meg Highnam, AmeriCorps Farm to School volunteer; Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent; Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director; Karen Snitker.

Posting of agenda verified by Olson.

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

University of WI Extension Items –

Emily Highnam - AmeriCorps Farm to School Volunteer

- Emily presented an overview of the Farm to School program and the various programming she and Meg Wise have accomplished in Crawford County.

Sonya Lenzendorf – FoodWise Coordinator

- Prairie du Chien, Wauzeka and Seneca Schools have received nutrition lessons for the school year.
- North Crawford is currently receiving nutrition lessons
- Amy and Sonya are working together on the Youth Advocates for Health project. They have 7 students in Prairie, Seneca and North Crawford Schools. They are meeting with food service directors and focusing on school cafeterias and green houses.

Amy Mitchell – 4-H Youth Development Agent

- Amy has been talking with Richland County to make the Farm to School program sustainable and moving it away from AmeriCorps. Crawford County funds would be necessary having asked schools for money. Every other year, 3M, gives a contribution and Richland Center school district has also contributed.
- UW-Madison – a large contingency (16) of 4-H kids accompanied by volunteers (4-H Leaders) attending the 4-H Livestock and Quiz Bowl Telethon. The leaders actively promote and recruit members to attend these events. Without the leaders doing so, we don't have the same participation.
- Amy formed a partnership between the Wauzeka School District and 4-H Clothing project adult and youth leaders. The school cut funding to basic life skill education in the category of Food and Consumer Sciences. 4-H Clothing adult and youth leaders were active in the county holding hands on project meetings for 4-H members. Amy connected the school to the leaders. The 4-H Leaders have been working with students after school to enhance their sewing skills.
- Amy requests the committee's approval to hire a summer Extension intern. Summer Interns work with youth development programming. Brooke Moret was the intern last year; she did an excellent job and is interested in interning this year as well.

- Motion by Kuhn, second by Jerrett to approve hiring a Summer Intern for Extension with the amount not to exceed the \$9274 that was reimbursed from the state reconciliation process. Motion carried unanimously by roll call

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items –

Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director

- Craig reports there are more positions than the state can afford to cover.

Don Stirling arrived.

- Motion by Kuhn, second by Jerrett, to fill all the positions with full time agents; but based on the state's request, due to limited funding and to prioritize hiring by keeping the full time 4-H position, hiring a full time Family Living Agent and sharing an Ag and CNRED position. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – None presented

Date of next meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Approve payment of bills –

- Motion by Kuhn, second by Jerrett to approve Ag/Extension bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call.

Correspondence – None

Motion by Stirling, second by Olson. Meeting adjourned 10:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant