

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education  
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 236  
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday, July 6, 2017

Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

Roll Call: David Olson, Donald Stirling, Wayne Jerrett. Absent, Mary Kuhn. Others in attendance: Jane Schaaf, Karen Snitker. Vance Haugen, Amy Mitchell, Will Cronin on vacation.

Posting of agenda verified by Dull.

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

University of WI Extension Items

Agent Report – Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent

- Jane discussed the various audiences she works with as a family living agent. One group includes child care providers. Regulated child care providers are required to get continuing education each year; Jane provides workshops covering a range of topics here in Crawford County. There are typically 12-22 child care providers participating in each class; Jane again offered a workshop in June. She also partners with Family Connections to bring additional child care workshops to our county.
- Another audience is Couleecap. Jane has been on their board for several years; her term ends this month. She has been a member of the program and evaluation committee. It has been extremely helpful to learn about all the services they offer to better help families who are seeking resources. Jane helped write one of the agency's recent "Community Concerns" papers, *Living on the Brink – Women in Poverty*.

Review Agents programs and activities – Agents' July calendars were distributed and reviewed.

Ag Extension committee related items –

Budget

- The July 1-December 31<sup>st</sup> pay schedule contract was presented. Motion to approve by Olson, second by Stirling. Motion carried by roll call.
- Effective January 1, the UW-Extension budget will be based on calendar year versus the state fiscal. The reorganized structure will focus on six areas of staffing: 4-H, Ag, Natural Resources, Communities, Youth and Family, and Health and Well-Being. Crawford is part of a five county region and Craig Saxe is the Area Education Director. Each county can choose the programming and staffing they want. In the past, counties paid a percentage of salaries. With the new model, salaries will be based on a flat rate for each position.
- Sonya Lenzendorf's computer is funded/provided by the state. Beginning this summer, Sonya transitioned to primarily working from Crawford County and requests her computer be networked through/in Crawford County. Motion by Olson, second by Jarrett to approve being networked into the Crawford County system. Motion carried with no negative votes.

Public Comment – None

Date of next meeting: Thursday, August 3, 2017.

Approve payment of bills –

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

Correspondence: None

Motion by Olson, second by Jerrett to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:09 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant