

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, April 2, 2015
Minutes

Chairman Flesch called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

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

Posting of agenda verified by Chairman Flesch.

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

University of WI Extension Items - Agent reports:

Sonya Lenzendorf, WNEP Nutrition Coordinator – Sonya is teaching in Wauzeka today.

Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent –Report Updates:

- Vance attended the annual team forage meeting and one of it's subgroups is a pasture group with State Specialist, Rhonda Gildersleeve and Jeff Brink presenting. Jeff Brink of the USDA Forage Research Center in Prairie du Sac is still working on grazing varieties. Farmers in the state found metal fescue plants that are superior and Hidden Valley is marketing this as a new variety; it's the only grass variety released from WI in the last 22 years. Vance is the Extension liaison to Grassworks; Grassworks lobby's for pastures and grazing. Larry Smith, a retired vet from Viroqua is on the Grassworks board and championing this effort.
- Different budgets – working with different farmers and attended a Corn Production meeting in Gays Mills with 14 in attendance.
- MOSES conference – Vance reports organic marketing is a great and wonderful marketing method. He presented on low-cost parlors with over 80 in attendance; many conventional farmers attended the conference. He helped at the Grasswork's and the Dairy Apprentice booth and has received several calls since with two or three requests to put on tours for low-cost parlors.
- Concerned about corn prices as well as milk prices, but producers need to set their budgets accordingly.
- Still haven't been able to get plastic recycling in the area. Green County has been successful to get a recycler in, but they will only take plastics that are spotlessly clean, which is very hard to do.

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent –

- Ag Literacy Camp will be held at UW Platteville in July – Amy is in charge of the animal science portion of it.
- A lot of robotics - there are six Wauzeka students that Amy meets with a couple of times a month.
- Amy took Prairie du Chien (PDC) Robotics kids to PDC nursing home. They demonstrated how the robots function. She also took this opportunity to help the kids understand nursing home living.
- Held the Livestock Quiz Bowl, 4-H Project Discovery Day in North Crawford School, worked with five youth that are going to represent Crawford County by attending the

State 4-h Youth Camp in Madison, held MAQA training (kids who show swine) – potentially some new exhibitors at this year's fair.

Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent - Jane presented a hardcopy of the evaluation of the just finished six -week Love and Logic parenting class in Seneca and the seven week class in Prairie du Chien.

Will Cronin, CNRED Educator – Will presented a hardcopy of his report; hardcopy will be placed on file.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – April 2015 Agent calendars were distributed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items – None presented

Date of next meeting: May 7, 2015 9:30 a.m.

Approve payment of bills: Chairman Flesch tabled payment of bills until Fair Committee Meeting.

Correspondence: None presented

Motion by Olson, second by Jones, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant