

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting  
Crawford County Administration Building Room 236B  
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday, August 2, 2018  
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Members present: David Olson, Don Stirling. Wayne Jerrett, Mary Kuhn. Others present: Amy Mitchell, Sonya Lenzendorf, Craig Saxe, Karen Snitker.

Snitker verified posting of Agenda.

Motion to approve minutes with noted corrections by Olson, second by Dull.

#### University of Wisconsin Extension Items

##### Program Reports –

- Sonya Lenzendorf, FoodWise Coordinator
  - The Strong Bodies group want to continue the program. Sonya is trying to recruit someone to get trained to work with the group which would then be possible to get this approved. Sonya is checking with the school for funding and looking into a community fund grant for funding to get this program self-sustaining.
    - Age range of group is late 20's to mid-70's
  - Continuing to work with youth advocates helping them get ready for the end of their project of presenting what they have done, who they are working for and their plans before the school board.
- Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development
  - 4-H Camp, WI Dells, approximately 81 attendees: campers, counselors and adults from Crawford, Vernon and Richland County. Youth in grades 9 and up serve as counselors.
  - Crawford 4-H was represented at the state dairy judging and livestock judging contests in July. Youth had to qualify at an Area Animal Science Day in June to participate at the state contest.
  - PALS- Amy and Brooke Moret worked with Kathy Quamme serving in Prairie du Chien with 36 attendees grades 2-5. 12 older youth helped out gaining leaderships skills in the process.
  - Through an AmeriCorps grant, Amy was able to hire a full-time AmeriCorps Farm to School member, Dana Scheffen from the Soldiers Grove area to fulfill the upcoming years responsibilities. Her passion is to help kids learn about teaching kids about connecting them with understanding farmers.
    - Schools are helping to fund the program. Richland Center school is also helping with the funding.

##### Review Agent(s) programs and activities

- Amy verbally presented her July schedule

##### Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items

- Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director –
- Regarding UW-Extension Educator Positions
  - Family Living
    - Craig reported there were nine applicants for the Human Development Educator. The process involves the paper screening taking place this afternoon with the preliminary interview held during the fair and the final

review to be held September. 6, 7 or 10<sup>th</sup>. The committee prefers an afternoon interview September 6.

- Agriculture Educator
  - Craig reports, officially there's no news.
  - By consensus, the committee would accept ½ time if we can get ½ time now and pursue full time if that doesn't work.
- Community, Natural Resource & Economic Development Educator.
  - Craig reports he is working with Jim Bowman and Hetti Brown. He's interested in bringing in a CRED person to participate in the meeting.
- Committee comments:
  - The committee expressed frustration with the process expressing:
    - "It's not right they've been waiting for a year to hire someone for the Family Living position."
  - With regard to filling the Ag Educator position, Craig stated if the process takes too long, the Dean could come to a meeting.
    - The consensus of the committee is they are "done waiting for the process and when are the discussions going to stop and something going to be done."
      - The committee wants Craig to push for the positions to be filled.

Public Comments – none presented.

Date of next meeting – September 06, 2018.

Motion to approve payment of bills by Kuhn, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Correspondence – None presented.

Adjournment 9:40 AM - Motion by Olson, second by Kuhn.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant