

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday December 3, 2015
Minutes

Chairman Flesch called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

Roll Call: David Olson, Elling Jones, Pete Flesch, Wade Dull, Derek Flansburgh. Extension staff in attendance: Vance Haugen, Amy Mitchell, Will Cronin, Sonya Lenzendorf

Posting of agenda verified by Flesch.

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

University of WI Extension Items - Agent reports:

Sonya Lenzendorf, WNEP Nutrition Coordinator:

- The WNEP fiscal year ended in September. Sonya shared a copy of the year-end report with all members.
- Sonya provided nutrition education to Prairie du Chien School in the 1st, 2nd, and 4th grade classrooms, totaling 13 rooms.
- Family Night events were also held at the Prairie du Chien school. At these events nutrition education is provided to parents and children and then they help prepare healthy dishes for a meal shared together. This event was also held at DeSoto School after in-school lesson provided by the Vernon County Nutrition Educator, Sheena.
- We have also been involved in a Safe and Healthy Food Pantry Project. We work with food pantries to use tools provided by the state to assess their pantry and look for areas of improvement, to providing safe and healthy food to food pantry users.
- Healthy Roots update: Sonya has been involved in the Healthy Lunchroom Project along with Amy Mitchell. This project is working with school food service to make the lunchroom environment promote healthy options.

Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent overseeing Stay Strong Program.

Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent

- Communicated that two pasture walks were held. The November 3 – Haugen Walk had 22 people attend. The focus was on summer and fall annuals, turnips and winter rye. The December 1 – Boland Walk had 18 people and focused on winter and spring feeding methods for heifers and dry cows.
- The UWEX All Faculty meeting was given an overview. The general outline of the UWEX staffing plan was highlighted. Details are not currently available, but there will be a regional or area approach that will be done for all rural counties. Urban counties (Madison and Milwaukee) will maintain their separate status. Currently it is planned that 4 or 5 counties will share agents, and the mix of agents and support staff will be decided by those counties in cooperation with UWEX administration. Details will be worked out in the next 1 to 2 months.
- Attended the GrassWorks board meeting and helped finalize plans for the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent

- Amy trained teens as teachers at the Boscobel school district afterschool program to deliver a healthy eating/physical activity curriculum.
- Amy has been going to the program on Wednesdays to meet with the afterschool group. This healthy eating/physical activity program is funded through a National 4-H

Council/United Healthcare grant. As part of the grant, Amy and 3 Crawford County teens presented sessions at the statewide 4-H leadership conference.

- Results are back from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. All four school districts in Crawford County participated. Amy looks forward to sharing results with the committee at a later date.
- A new 4-H Ambassador program started in November with applications due and interviews by leaders. Goals of the ambassadors include promoting 4-H and helping out at county events.
- Amy attended the statewide all faculty UW-Extension conference in Madison. Amy continued working with the afterschool robotics group at Bluffview School in Prairie du Chien.

Will Cronin, CNRED Educator:

- Coordinating the search for the new Executive Director of the Crawford County Economic Development Corporation.
- Serving as the interim administrator of the Crawford County Farmers Market grant, until the new CCEDC Director is hired.
- Planning a series of management trainings for the Bluff Haven Nursing Home in Prairie du Chien.
- Doing one-on-one business counseling with Kickapoo Exchange Coop on their internet presence.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – December Agent calendars were distributed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items – None.

Public Comments – None presented.

Date of next meeting: January 7, 9:00 AM, Conference Room 215.

Approval of payment of bills– Flesh tabled payment of bills until Fair Committee meeting.

Correspondence: None presented.

Motion to adjourn by Dull, second by Olson. Meeting adjourned 10:03 AM.

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent /KKS