

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting
Crawford County Administration Building Room 215
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, December 5, 2019
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order 10:00 a.m. Members present: Wade Dull, David Olson, Wayne Jerrett, Donald Stirling, Mary Kuhn.

Others present: Amy Mitchell, Jessica Jane Spayde, Sheena Louise Cook-Fuglsang, Craig Saxe, Karen Snitker.

Snitker verified posting of Agenda.

Motion by David to approve minutes, second by Don. Motion carried unanimously.

University of Wisconsin Extension Items

Educator Reports

- Jessica Jane Spayde – Community Development Educator – Jessica presented a hardcopy of her report: hardcopy will be placed on file.
- Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent
 - In October, Amy traveled to West Virginia to attend the 4-H Educators/Agents Conference. She gained information on STEM, financial literacy, research in youth development and volunteer development.
 - Amy started after school robotics Prairie du Chien with 2 high school assistants and 18 students in grades 5-8 participating
 - Amy is working on ramping up project meetings in the county by working with volunteer project leaders.
 - Amy joined a state work team that's focused on volunteer development. Volunteers have project meetings scheduled this winter.
 - Farm to school – Amy is still seeking an AmeriCorps Farm to School volunteer, there has not been any interest. Amy is working with an ag teacher at one school district to sustain the program without AmeriCorps funding or additional funding. This is a pilot program that might be suitable for all four school districts in Crawford County.
- Amanda Griswold, Human Development and Relationships Educator – Amanda is in Richland County working with other Human Development & Relationships Educators.
- Sheena Louise Cook-Fuglsang – Sheena reports UW Human Resources has not updated Sheena on the number of applicants, etc. The new Richland County FoodWise educator has started.

Review Agents/Educator programs and activities – Amy and Jessica reviewed their December calendars.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items

- Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director
 - UW-Extension Educator Position/s
 - FoodWise Educator – Sheena covered this topic earlier in the meeting.
 - Agriculture Educator Position –
 - Next week resume' reviews will be covered through the internal candidate review process.
 - The week after Christmas a preliminary interview will be held with the selected candidates.
 - Craig will provide an update at the January 2nd committee meeting.
 - The final interview will be held January 28th. Site is yet to be determined.
 - Craig attended the Driftless Development Inc. retreat reporting the strategic planning was great and he very pleased with the event and Jessica had great presenters, etc.

Public Comments – None presented.

Date of next meeting – January 2, 2020 - 10 a.m.

Motion to approve payment of bills by David, second by Wayne. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Correspondence – None.

Adjournment – Motion by Mary, second by Don. Meeting adjourned 10:48 am.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant