

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education  
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 236  
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday, December 7, 2017

Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call: Wade Dull, David Olson, Wayne Jerrett, Mary Kuhn. Absent: Donald Stirling arrived at 9:05. Others in attendance: Amy Mitchell, Sonya Lenzendorf, Will Cronin, Vance Haugen, Craig Saxe (Area Extension Director), Karen Snitker.

Posting of agenda verified by Dull.

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

University of WI Extension Items - Reports:

Will Cronin, CNRED Educator

- Will was involved in the selection of Crawford County Community Fund grants; the awardees will be announced at December full County Board meeting.
- Working on the county wide market analysis and met with Bill Ryan, Community Business Development Specialist, whose expertise is in business district market analysis. Plans are in the process for Will to meet Jim Bowman, CCEDC Director, and the community team he is putting together to work on projects.
- Prairie du Chien Recreation Plan – Will is working on the final stages of the outdoor recreation plan.
- He is in the process of wrapping up Farmers Market matters for the year. An increase in foot traffic and sales was reported by the markets.

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Educator Report -

- Amy reports a successful November. She accompanied one adult and four youth to a Green Lake Fall Forum conference. The topic was on how to become better members and volunteers which the attendees could then implement in their respective counties.
- Finished up the 4-H Food Smart Families after school program in Boscobel; with a huge family event -109 people for the event. Provided five stations for each person to learn various ways to healthier eating/living. Each family had the opportunity to visit all the stations and receive a free bag of groceries provided through a National 4-H Council/United HealthCare grant.
- Youth Risk Survey – Amy met with [educators](#) from Grant, Lafayette, Iowa and Richland County to review the numbers from this year's survey. They had 2013, 2015 and 2017 data for comparing results which in turn, they will be able to share with schools and for other presentations.
- Met with 4-H club leaders to review state requirement for charters. To maintain charters, leaders have to submit a charter renewal each year.
- Amy held two E-Forums, one in Seneca and one in Prairie du Chien. 4-H leaders come together – they get to share what they are doing and share with others; it cultivates an environment for growing leaders.

## Sonya – FoodWise Report

- Finished nutrition education at Prairie du Chien School District (grades 2-4) in November.
- Will start nutrition education in Wauzeka School District in January.
- Posted the nutrition educator position in Richland County.

Held a family event at Seneca School with a focus on feeding young children.

## Vance. Agriculture Educator

- Final pasture walk held November 14 at the Mueller farm with 38 attending. Adam Hady facilitated the walk because Vance was on a medical mission trip to Haiti with his daughter.
  - a. Vance shared, that although this was a vacation, he shared a synopsis of the trip from an agricultural standpoint. Vance reported he was able to accompany the Haiti Extension Ag Agent on some of his farm visits and had opportunity to share some advice within his area of expertise with the agent.
- Vance reports he is working on what needs to be accomplished in the office and other necessary prep work for his remaining time with Extension.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items – Agent calendars were reviewed.

Approval of 2018 Budget – Craig Saxe presented the 2018 contract for the board members to sign. Contract substantiates the contract figures presented in the budget for board members to sign. Motion by Kuhn, second by Olson to approve the contract presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comments – None presented

Date of next meeting: Thursday, January 4, 2018.

Approve payment of bills –

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

Correspondence: None presented

Motion by Kuhn, second by Jerrett to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant