

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education  
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215  
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday, February 04, 2016  
Minutes

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

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

Posting of agenda verified by Flesch.

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

University of WI Extension Items - Agent reports:

° Sonya Lenzendorf, WNEP Nutrition Coordinator:

- Sonya is teaching in Seneca K-5 and demonstrated one of the class activities she presents to get kids to think about advertising and how the marketing industry entices children/families to purchase their products.
- Nutrition education in schools includes healthy lunch program. One way Seneca school is using some of the grant money is by putting in a garden bar with variety of veggies/fruit as part of the meal line each day.
- Distributed Food \$ense Newsletter with a focus on beans.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sonya will be in Wausau attending a nutrition education meeting.

° Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent: Jane presented a hardcopy of her report; hardcopy will be placed on file.

° Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent

- Attended several large meetings, one of which was a 3-day Grassworks Conference held at Chula Vista. Ray Archuleta, Soil Scientist with USDA NRCS, key note speaker, presented on cover crops and soil health.
- Vance attended and presented at Practical Farmers of Iowa at Ames. About 1000 people attended the event with approximately 57 people attending Vance's session.
- Held a couple of mentoring sessions (8 new hires) and attended a Committee of Professors meeting.

° Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent

- Amy held annual leader trainings in January. The topic was on incorporating the 4 Essential Elements of 4-H (belonging, mastery, independence and generosity) into clubs and how to connect with members more. Great discussions held around the topic and learning what other clubs are doing in relationship to it.
  - Amy's been working on making a connection in the area of 4-H projects and how members can learn more about projects.
- Still serving on the State Awards Committee.
- 4-H Food Smart Families - organizing what's going on in the state and some local programs.
- Amy remains involved with Youth Risk Behavior and what's going on in the area. She is currently working on a mental health presentation.
- Amy is a connector with the healthy lunch rooms program through the Healthy Roots Coalition, connecting Wauzeka food service with Healthy Roots and resources to help make the lunchroom a healthier place.

◦ Will Cronin, CNRED Educator:

- Will has been spearheading the CCEDC Director interview process. First round of interviews held January 28 with second round planned for February 17.
- Attended a Prosper Southwest meeting, updating community development partners on CCEDC hiring process and UW Extension reorganization.
- Working for Crawford County Tourism Council, representing them at a Readstown Tourism meeting, encouraging them to add a canoe landing.
- Attended the Friends of Lower WI Tourism Council, briefing them on what's going on in Crawford County.
- Working on the succession process with the Community Development Program.
- Generically holding the line for CCEDC and the farmers' market grant.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – February 2016 Agent calendars were distributed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items:

- Rolling out the UW-Extension changes; still many unknowns to the new model process.

Public Comments – None

Date of next meeting: March 3, 2016, Conference Room 215. Time will be determined after connecting with Sothern Regional Director, Matthew Hanson.

Approval of payment of bills – Motion by Dull, second by Olson, to approve bills presented. Motion approved by call of the roll.

Correspondence: None

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

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant