

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting
Crawford County Administration Building Room 236
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Wednesday, July 3, 2019
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order 10:35 a.m. Members present: Wade Dull, David Olson, Wayne Jerrett, Donald Stirling, Mary Kuhn.

Others present: Amanda Griswold, Amy Mitchell, Craig Saxe, Adam Hady.

Verify posting of Agenda by Amy Mitchell.

Motion by Mary to approve minutes, second by Wayne. Motion carried unanimously.

University of Wisconsin Extension Items:

Educator Reports

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent –

- Amy shared with the committee that various 4-H events were held in June, including;
 - Shooting sports contest, rabbit project meeting (led by a Youth Leader), clothing project meeting, area animal science day and camp counselor training.
 - Over 45 youth were involved in these educational events.
- Amy also had some community programs in June including:
 - PALS – the weeklong day camp for 2nd – 5th graders, led by youth in grades 6-12.
- Amy also mentioned that her intern, Katie Friar, is doing an excellent job. Amy appreciates the committee's support of having an intern.
- In June, Amy also worked with two 4-H colleagues on developing a new club officer/youth leadership program.

Amanda Griswold, Human Development and Relationships Educator – See hardcopy enclosed.

Adam Hady, Ag Educator

- There were two pasture walks held in June.
- Adam worked with JoAnn Cooley from FSA to give an informational meeting on the new Dairy Protection Meeting in Richland; work discussed an effort with land conservation, public health, Crawford Land Stewardship and extension on a multi-county effort looking at well water testing program;
- Adam did state wide trainings for Pork Quality Assurance Advisors and conducted sites assessments
- Adam also informed the committee of his new role as Area Extension Director in area 14 effective July 1, 2019 and thanked the committee for their support.

Review Agents July programs and activities – programs/activities were reviewed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items

- Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director
 - UW-Extension Educator Position/s
 - Community, Nat. Resource & Economic Development Educator:*
 - The initial salary offer was adjusted. Waiting on response from Driftless Development Inc before advancing an offer to our candidate. A July 15 start date has been proposed.

FoodWise:

- Two candidates have been advanced to the final interview scheduled for Monday July 8th starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Administration Building, Suite 236, Prairie du Chien, WI. Don Stirling agreed to serve on the final interview committee.

Agriculture Educator Position:

- Adam has accepted the Area 14 Area Extension Director position, effective July 1. His contributions to Crawford County have been much appreciated. The Ag/Extension Committee wishes him well in this new role.
- The committee recommends this position be re-filled as soon as possible – **Motion** by Mary, second by Don to support re-filling the Agriculture Education position as presently structured in a shared arrangement with Richland County. Motion carried unanimously.
- Developing a position description is a first step to re-filling the position. At a recent staff meeting, possible bullet points to include in the “initial programming focus” section were reviewed and narrowed to five points which staff felt best fit Crawford County. After some discussion – **Motion** by Mary, second by Wayne to recommend including the five bullet points as shared in the position description. Motion carried unanimously.

MOU between Crawford County and Driftless Development:

- Memorandums of Understanding prepared by Corp Council Mark Peterson for the 2019 and 2020 calendar years were reviewed – **Motion** by David, second by Mary to support the MOU’s and instruct Wade Dull as chair, to sign on behalf of the committee. Motion carried.

Other items: With the vacancy of the Fair Financial Coordinator position, Karen Snitker has offered to help with fair financial paperwork. The committee appreciated this offer and noted that the Treasurer’s office has also offered to help.

- The committee was made aware that the office needs to be closed on July 5th as staff are not available.

Public Comments – None presented.

Date of next meeting – August 1, 2019.

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

Correspondence – None presented.

Adjournment – Motion by Mary, second by David. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by Amy Mitchell/KKS