

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education  
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday June 4, 2015  
Minutes

Chairman Flesch called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

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

Posting of agenda verified by Chairman Flesch.

Motion by Jones, second by Olson 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 –

- Sonya introduced Sheena Cook-Fuglsang, the new Vernon County WENP Educator. She'll be involved with senior meal sites and Vernon County schools. Though she'll be participating in some Crawford County programming, her primary programming work will be in Vernon County.
- Sonya reports she's been very busy in the school systems and until she was able to hire Sheena she also covered Vernon County schools.
- This summer Sonya will be involved with the Vernon County Senior Farmer's Market vouchers by distributing and providing nutritional education to seniors. She'll also be going in to housing in Prairie du Chien, De Soto, Westby and Wauzeka.
- Successfully finished and submitted her program planning for next year.
- Wrapping up getting Crawford County on the Move lessons ready this week that starts June 21. Getting lessons ready this week for leader training next week.

Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent –

Jane announced Crawford County has Farmers' Market vouchers for food pantry clients through Crawford County Community Fund and other sponsors. Jane helps coordinate printing and getting coupons to the Prairie du Chien and Gays Mills food pantries.

- Jane worked with Healthy Roots members on determining how to expand the Farm to School program to preschoolers and how to get them involved in actually growing things which culminated into expanding school gardens into day-care centers.
  - Jane sponsored a Ready, Set, Grow child care provider training in May. Twenty attendees prepared a bucket garden. Of the twenty attendees, eighteen were from Crawford County and each of them were eligible to receive a free raised bed garden kit along with soil, plants, and resource materials with activities to do with kids. Through the generosity of Nelson's True Value and working closely with Donna Teynor, Jane was able to purchase eighteen kits at cost. With the help of John Poots, Crawford County Maintenance, she was then able to distribute the garden items around the county. This project will teach younger children math and science and build literacy and motor skills. It also makes it possible for many more young children getting more gardening experience which increases their interest in eating vegetables.
  - Healthy eating is one component of Healthy Roots; another focus is on getting active. The second annual Healthy Roots Summer Family Fun Challenge is underway. New this year are the Family Nights which offer structured activities in Seneca, Ferryville, Gays Mills, Prairie du Chien, Wauzeka, and Seneca.
- Applied for a 3M grant for Farm to School.
  - Presented four radio spots in May.

Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent – On vacation.

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent –

- Attended a five-county Youth Risk Survey meeting in Lancaster.
  - In April Amy was at the Spring it On event at North Crawford Schools presenting a unique way for kids and adults to rethink their drink by having them engage in using the blender bike (a bicycle designed with a blender unit) to blend their own drinks.
  - Held a camp counselor training in preparation for July 1-3 camp.
  - Finished Robotics May 27 – Amy is pleased the group of 10 youth followed through the whole year attending twice a month sessions which culminated in an open house held with 8 of the 10 youth's parents attending.
  - Held the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Safety Day Camp at the fairgrounds. The event provided great leadership opportunities for both the Boscobel and Seneca FFA youth. Due to a spring concert held at the same time, Seneca school could not attend, however, all the other schools were there. The teachers expressed their appreciation for what the 5<sup>th</sup> graders learn.
  - Attended a county leadership meeting in Green Bay; learned a lot to be applied in Crawford County and appreciated the networking.
  - Preparing for the summer months. Currently partnering with Kathy Quamme, Juvenile Court Worker, in preparation for next week's Wauzeka Pals event expressing that it's great to pool assets through collaboration.
- Will Cronin, CNRED Educator –
    - Held the last CMV leadership training in May; the topic of discussion was on Community Development with guest speaker David Connolly presenting.
    - Speaking at Prairie du Chien Chamber of Commerce meeting next week about CMV and seeking new recruits.
    - Held the second Fair/Fairgrounds planning meeting, planning another meeting this month.
    - Continuing the budgeting process meetings for Crawford County.
    - Prairie du Chien requested Will's help as the city looks into doing updates for their comprehensive plan.
    - Attended and presented at a broadband boot camp in Eau Claire; presenting on broadband experience with local leaders and broadband providers in attendance. The next boot camp is planned for Crawford County this fall.

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

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items – None presented

Date of next meeting: July 2, 2015 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Dull, second by Olson to approve payment of bills as presented, contingent on what the Fair Board determines regarding Pica Grove signage. Motion carried by call of the roll.

Correspondence: None presented.

Motion by Dull, second by Jones, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:15AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant