

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting
Crawford County Administration Building Room 236B
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, June 7, 2018
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Members present: Wade Dull, David Olson, Mary Kuhn, Wayne Jerrett, Don Stirling. Others present: Amy Mitchell, Sonya Lenzendorf, Craig Saxe, Karen Snitker and County Chairman, Tom Cornford.

Snitker verified posting of Agenda.

Motion to approve minutes by Kuhn, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Don Stirling arrived 9:06 AM.

University of Wisconsin Extension Items

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items:

Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director –

- UW-Extension Educator Position Descriptions
 - Family Living - Human Development & Relationships Extension Educator
 - Craig reports the position description was forwarded to HR. Craig is waiting for their approval.
 - Motion by Kuhn to approve the Family Living job description and approve to hire; second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Agriculture Educator - the committee wants to hire a Full Time Ag Agent.
 - Community, Natural Resource & Economic Development Educator – the Committee prefers full-time, but half-time would be acceptable.
- Crawford County UW-Extension Staffing Educator Positions – three staffing options were presented by Saxe (See supplemental document).
 - Tom Conford, County Chairman, recommended the option the committee selected of hiring a FT Ag Agent and 0.5 CRD Agent (Option 2) be presented at the next County Finance Committee.
 - Motion by Mary Kuhn to present Option 2 to finance committee, second by Stirling. Motion carried unanimously.
- Crawford County UW-Extension 2019 Budget was part of the discussion related to the hiring options presented.

Program Reports –

- Sonya Lenzendorf, FoodWise Coordinator and Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent presented a synopsis of the May Healthy Roots forums that were held in both Gays Mills and Prairie du Chien.
- Farm to School Program – Amy Mitchell. The Farm to School AmeriCorps program has been operating through the extension office over the last 10 years. AmeriCorps expectation is sites will be able to make the program sustainable, financially and programmatically.
 - Amy has been working with Chelsea (UW-Extension, Richland County) and finding ways to partner with Richland County to make the program sustainable. One part of making the program sustainable is to find a place to house an employee for Farm to School. Amy asked the committee if Crawford County would consider housing the individual if funding were provided to pay their salary but becoming a county employee with regard to payroll and liability coverage.

- Motion by Jerrett to bring the proposal to the personnel committee, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Agents programs and activities

- Amy verbally presented her June schedule.

Public Comments – None presented

Date of next meeting – July 5, 2018

Approval of payment of bills – Motion by Olson, second by Jerrett. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Correspondence - None

Adjournment – Motion by Kuhn, second by Olson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned 10:29 a.m.