

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, March 3, 2016
Minutes

Chairman Flesch called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

Roll Call: Pete Flesch, David Olson, Elling Jones, Derek Flansburgh. Absent: Wade Dull, Others in attendance: Vance Haugen, Jane Schaaf, Amy Mitchell, Will Cronin, Karen Snitker and Matthew Hanson, SW Regional Director. Sonya Lenzendorf is in Wausau attending a nutrition education training.

Posting of agenda verified by Chairman Flesch.

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

University of WI Extension Items –

Director Hanson shared Extension is in the early steps of reorganizing and navigating through that process, stating that cuts to the UW-System ultimately impacts UW-Extension. Over the past several months, Extension has been looking at models from other states, looking at what works and what doesn't to help determine how to manage the \$1.2 billion cut earmarked for UW-Extension. Although not solidified, for this area, a 5 county structural model versus a 4 county model is being considered. March 4 will be the 1st meeting of the steering committee to unveil the constraints they will be working within. Although it may take longer to begin implementing the change, the Chancellor is pretty set to move forward with her implementation timeline of late 2016 to early 2017.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – Agents March calendars were distributed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items

Matthew Hanson, Southern Regional Director – Agent reviews and updates from State Planner.

- Motion by Olson, second by Jones, the services and programming of the staff has been to the committee's satisfaction for the previous year. Motion carried with no negative votes.
- Director Hanson stated things are going well and asked the committee to contact him if they ever feel there's anything that's off track.

Date of next meeting: April 7, 2016, 9:00 AM.

Approve payment of bills: Fair and Ag/Extension bills were presented and approved during Fair Committee Meeting.

Correspondence: None

Motion by Jones, second by Flansburgh, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant