

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting
Crawford County Administration Building Room 215
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, March 7, 2019
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Members present: David Olson, Mary Kuhn, Don Stirling, Wayne Jerrett. Others present: Amanda Griswold, Adam Hady, Amy Mitchell, Craig Saxe, UW-Extension AED.

Agenda posting was verified by Snitker.

Motion to approve minutes by Jerrett, second by Stirling. Motion carried unanimously.

UW Extension items – Agent and Coordinator Reports

Amy Mitchell, 4-H and Youth Development Educator

- A FoodSmart Family event will be held tonight at Prairie du Chien – The event follows 6 weeks of After School Program lessons. Twelve kids attend the program as well as teen leaders assist. FoodSmart programs are paid for through a FoodSmart grant.
 - One child finds this to be the best part of her day.
- North Crawford and Boscobel Schools participate in the FoodSmart program; she has been working in both school districts. Amy finds the partnership with school districts rewarding and valuable to UW-Extension.
- Amy spent some time cancelling and rescheduling events due to bad weather.
- Zoom video conference with 4-H leaders - Amy reports it worked well. 6-8 leaders were able to participate. Zoom is a good “go to”, when necessary, instead of having to cancel meetings.
- December and January, Amy spent time reporting to the state and setting 2019 goals.

Amanda Griswold, Human Development and Relationships Educator

- Met with stakeholders.
- Met with her cohort in Madison.
- Completed Ace training in February.
- Presented the Healthy Roots Wellness program to the full county board members; they adopted the program.
- Three times a year, people can access their credit report free. Amanda worked on displaying “Free Credit Report” flyers in banks, etc.
- Parenting class held last month.

Adam Hady, Agriculture Educator –

- Month of February, Adam was in Crawford County 7 days and Richland County 6.5.
- Held PAT training in Gays Mills.
- Met with Bob Moses – to discuss the Appreciation Banquet the Chamber of Commerce holds each year. Adam was unable to attend this year; however, he is going to work with Ag on the chamber side.
- Great River Graziers – participated in a Pasture Walk planning.
- Attended Cattle Feeders meetings – closest one, Boscobel (covered Richland, Grant and Crawford counties). He will reschedule those cancelled due to inclement weather. Approximately 130 total were in attendance.

Review Agent(s) programs and activities – April calendars

- Adam reported the Shifting Gears program was cancelled due to lack of registrations.
- Amanda is: going to a mental health training and to Seneca Wellness Days, working on the wellness committee and plans on taking the Raise a Thinking Child training in Stevens Point in April, registration fee is \$100. She is attending a parenting training meeting at the schools this weekend
- Amy is going to Boscobel and North Crawford (After School programming – FoodSmart), has two family events scheduled, going to Wellness presenting Mindfulness, and holding Project Discovery Day March 30.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items

- Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director
 - UW-Extension Educator Position/s
 - Community Natural Resource & Economic Development Educator
 - Position is posted, applications due by 3/21.
 - Paper screening is first with preliminary interview the week of April 15.
 - Final interview, middle of May; open interview dates 7, 10, 13 and 16th.
 - FoodWise
 - Position has been given the green light to be posted. It's being posted as 80-100% for the Coordinator. Once the Coordinator is hired, the Coordinator will choose what site they will work out of and will determine where the educator will work from.

Public Comments – None.

Date of next meeting – April 4, 2019.

Motion to approve payment of bills by Olson, second by Kuhn. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Correspondence – None presented.

Adjournment – Motion by Stirling, second by Kuhn. Motion carried unanimously 10:55 AM.

Karen Snitker, Program Assistant