

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting
Crawford County Administration Building
Room 215, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, March 5, 2020
Minutes

Chairman Wade Dull called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Members present: David Olson, Mary Kuhn, Don Stirling, Wayne Jerrett.

Others present: Sheena Louise Cooke-Fugslang, Amy Mitchell, Kathy Lange (FoodWise Educator) and Craig Saxe, UW-Extension AED.

Agenda posting verified by Wade Dull.

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

UW Extension items – Agent and Coordinator Reports

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent – Outreach Programming

- Finished the four sessions 4-H afterschool robotics program in PDC for 5th – 8th graders.
 - This was a continuation of the sessions I did with them in November/December.
 - Conducted six Lego WeDo robotic sessions with 15 – 2nd-4th graders at Seneca School.
 - Eleven participants completed a post program National 4-H Common Measures for Science evaluation. 100% indicated that they liked science, 90% indicated that they would like a job that uses science, 100% indicated that they learned something new about science in robotics, 100% had fun in 4-H afterschool robotics.
 - 5 Happy Hi-Liter club officers were trained to serve as the teen teachers for the program. Comments from the teen teachers indicated that they enjoyed working with younger youth and learning about using software to program robots.
- Children's Advisory Board meeting. Still working on forming a logic model to formalize the group's mission. Working with the PDC school district on getting high school youth on the board.

4-H Programming

- Cardboard sled races
- Horse Barn Committee meetings
- Speaking and Demonstration Contest
- Applied for and received a Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Grant for 4-H Science Explorers (\$7425)
 - 4-H Science Explorers is an outreach program partnership between Crawford, Lafayette, and Walworth Counties, and UW-Madison staff. When fully developed, this program will be a three-tiered nine-year program. July 2020 will be the first-tier, consisting of inviting youth in 5th-7th grade, to a two-day science exploration event. Research shows that middle school youth are the most impressionable when it comes to career exploration, which is why we are engaging this age group first. Participants will travel by bus to UW-Madison campus for this "Into the Lab" experience. Students will meet a variety of scientists, engage in hands-on science sessions at various campus departments, and tour the zoo. Participant focus groups and written feedback will direct future program efforts while incorporating youth voice.

Professional Development

- Peer Mentor training in Madison.
- ZOOMS and more ZOOMS!
- State 4-H Volunteer Development work group

Jessica Jayne Spayde, Community Development Educator – was not present due to illness.

Amanda Griswold – Human Development and Relationships Educator – Amanda is attending an Evaluation Learning Collaborative meeting in Madison. On Amanda's behalf,

- Craig passed a flyer around for an upcoming class entitled "Parents Raising Resilient Children". Classes begin on March 17 and run through May 5th.
- Craig provided information about the Positive Parenting Program (or Triple P) grant. This proposed grant is an evidence-based intervention that has been implemented across the world and has hundreds of studies documenting its effectiveness. This grant would pay for the extensive Triple P training for the educator and a local community partner, as well as a stipend for programmatic supplies. Should we receive the funding, we anticipate that Triple P will take approximately 20% of Amanda's work time in the first two years to effectively implement. Craig shared his support that Amanda work with this grant. Amanda is asking for continued support of this programming for our county. No official action seen as necessary, however, many nods of support we're noted and no objections were voiced.

Sheena Louise Fugslang, FoodWise Coordinator

- Introduced Kathy Lange, FoodWise educator for Crawford County started this week. Looking at replacing her computer. Will have Dependable Solutions purchase it and then bill FoodWise. Met with ag teacher & food service director in Seneca to explore a way to collaborate on a growing project with the "growing together" grant. Kally, Seneca Ag teacher was hoping to secure funds for some grow tower in order to supply lettuce and strawberries in summer to students at the school. Unable to get the grant, but will support project in other ways. Kathy will be making appointments with county partners to start building relationships and defining "need" for next year. Hoping to have North Crawford School scheduled for her to teach in late April/May.

Review Agents/Educators February Programming and activities – Amy, Jessica and Sheena reviewed their March calendars.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items –

- Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director - UW-Extension Educator
 - Agriculture Educator Position – Craig shared that Carolyn Ihde has accepted our offer of employment and will start on Monday May 18 as the Crawford and Richland County Agriculture Educator. Craig thanked the committee for their involvement in the recruitment process.
 - Clerical Support during Medical - Karen Snitker will be on medical leave from March 4 to possibly March 20. Until Karen's return, with direction from Cheri Leachman, arrangements are being made to increase Steph Mezera's clerical support hours.
 - Delegation of Financial Budget Authority, Craig presented the "Delegation of Financial Budget Authority" document from Extension. This document is designed to clarify signatory authority between the County and the State. After some conversation, the Committee determined that presently the only signatory authority necessary was for signing time/leave approvals Motion by Don, second by David to allow Craig Saxe and Amy Mitchell to sign time cards.

Date of next meeting – April 2, 2020, 10 a.m. or immediately following the Fair Committee meeting.

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

Adjournment – Motion by Wayne, second by David. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 11:19 AM

Mary Kuhn, Ag/Extension Committee Secretary; SMM