

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education  
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday, March 2, 2017  
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call: Wade Dull, David Olson, Donald Stirling, Wayne Jerrett, Mary Kuhn. Others in attendance: Amy Mitchell, Will Cronin, Vance Haugen, Jane Schaaf, Karen Snitker.

Posting of agenda verified.

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

University of WI Extension Items – Agent Reports:

Will Cronin – CNRED Educator

- Will is continuing to work with Rummage Along the River program (70 mile garage sale) which is funded through a Dept. of Tourism grant. Part of what Will does for this program is the evaluation piece.
- Driftless Wisconsin is in process of getting another Joint Effort Marketing grant, which Will will again evaluate.
- Attended a Crawford County Farmers Market Grow Board meeting this week.
- Will reports on April 4-5, the Local Government Center is coming to the area to train individuals on how to run for public office. A session will be held in Crawford County the evening of April 4.
- Working with Watercrest Café of Gays Mills. They have a non-profit interest and are looking for new revenue streams, etc.
- Will has been approached by Crawford County Economic Development regarding doing a downtown Prairie du Chien market analysis. CCEDC is leaning on Will a lot to provide analyst work for that.

Amy Mitchell – 4- Youth Development Educator –

- Strengthening 4-H Clubs and Leadership
  - Fair beef weigh-in. 11 families participated weighing in 26 steers. Extension literature was passed out to members.
  - Trained one new leader for the Steuben River Runners 4-H club.
  - 4-H Speaking and Demonstration Contest – Seneca School. 28 members participated.
  - Worked with a general club leader on improving communication with parents.
- Connecting with the Community
  - Started summer plans; met with the PDC library director-partnering on a summer science series.
  - Partnering again this summer to offer PALS in three school districts.
- Professional Development
  - Southwest Regional meeting
  - Communications Committee work.

Sonya Lenzendorf, WNEP Coordinator – Working in Vernon County

Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent –

- Jane discussed the Crawford County Farm to School program and introduced special guest, Julie Doscocil,
  - AmeriCorp Community Outreach member. In her position, Julie 's goal is to connect local producers to schools. She is also working with the AmeriCorp Nutrition Educator, Danielle Sullivan to expand the school gardens and assists her in the monthly Harvest of the Month presentations. Farm to School is active in North Crawford, Wauzeka, Seneca, Prarie du Chien and Prairie Catholic. The required AmeriCorps match this past year was \$3700, provided by participating schools. Jane serves as site supervisor for this AmeriCorps program.

Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent –

- Attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Grazing Conference in Chula Vista. The conference was well attended, with excellent program sessions and an increase of Crawford County attendees.
- Held two farm visits within the scope of his shared service assignment throughout Wisconsin that goes beyond his normal duties and responsibilities. While he can do a lot electronically, there are some farm visits. On Feb 17 he visited two farms, one in Wausau and another in Alpaca.
- February 20, held the annual Great River Graziers, Pasture Walk Planning Meeting.
- February 21, held a Private Pesticide Applicator training with 18 trainees attending.
- February 22, attended Farmers Appreciation Lunch
- February 24<sup>th</sup> - held a Low-Margin Grain Production meeting at Gays Mills Community Commerce Center.
- February 28, attended the UW-WI Extension SW Regional meeting, attending some very interesting sessions, especially mentioning the technology sessions were really good.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – March calendars were distributed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items – None presented.

Public Comment – None presented.

Date of next meeting: Because Fair Committee members will be attending SW District meeting on Thursday, April 6, planning the next meeting for Friday, April 7, 9 a.m.

Approve payment of bills:

- Ag/Extension bills presented by Snitker; motion to approve as presented by Olson; second by Kuhn. Motion carried unanimously by call of the roll.
- Fair bills presented by Snitker; motion to pay bills as presented by Stirling, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously by call of the roll.

Correspondence: None

Motion by Stirling, second by Olson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant