

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

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

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

Posting of agenda verified by Dull.

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

University of WI Extension Items –

Sonya Lenzendorf, WNEP Coordinator –

- End of calendar year in September; still working on her year-end report.
- This past year, reached over 1000 learners with 5000 direct educational contacts, kids in schools, senior adults, adults without/children, etc. Her goal is to try to meet people more than once; reported it can take up to 4 to 6 times to help them change behaviors.
- WNEP logo change – Transition from WNEP to Food Wise (the education wing of food stamp program).
  - Involves extra work – changing all documents to present new logo, etc.
- Attended Family Living Conference (3 days) – Conference was about health and looking at our work with a health lens; looking at what contributes to health; length of life, quality of life, health behaviors (Stay Strong), clinical care, social and economic factors (Healthy Roots), physical environment, etc. Family Living is looking at these factors to help people reach a healthy life.

Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent – Jane presented a hardcopy of her report; report will be placed on file.

Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent -

- World Dairy Expo – Crawford County Initiative, 6 days. Impressed this year, three different families stopped, looked at booth and talked about grazing and talked with those looking toward relocating to Crawford County.
- Pasture Walk – last three walks, attendance was somewhere around 30 at each. October 18: Pasture Walk held at Haugen farm with 6 or 7 people attending from Crawford County.
- Annual ANRE – Ag Resource Education Conference held in Oshkosh. Talked about cover crops. Discovery Farms is part of Extension's educational efforts. Topic was on tillage in flat clay soils and water infiltration and alternative methods.
- Vance is on the UW-Extension's state-wide, state specialist work group every Tuesday; meet by google hangout. UW-Extension is working hard at implementing Nextgen transition.
- Additional duties and responsibilities three days month helping with dairy modernization. One of the days Vance visited a farm family in IA County which had expanded to 200 cows. Vance was able to provide advice on how to improve milking time.
- Next week Lincoln County folks coming to Crawford County for the Kearns, Boland and Rooney parlor tours.
- Radio spots
- Helped with Ag Clean Sweep

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent – Amy presented a hardcopy of her report; hardcopy will be placed on file.

Will Cronin – CNRED Educator –

- Handed out a report of Iron County regional trail report, an example of a participatory process for the community – reflecting the community has a stake in it, involved from conception to finished product.
- Will reported initial results from Crawford County Farmers Markets survey. The data revealed the top factors of what's important to consumers: freshness and price. Organic is not a big factor. 32% weren't interested in CSA's. The biggest reason people go to the markets is because they grow their own.
- A week ago, attended 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with Prairie du Chien Park Board. He is working with the board to revise the rec plan by evaluating the existing plan and inventory.
- Attended the CNRED symposium. held at Tree Haven, Stevens Point.
- Still working on portfolio for tenure.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – November calendars were distributed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items – None presented.

Date of next meeting: December 1, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

Approve payment of bills: Ag/Extension bills presented by Snitker; motion to approve as presented by Olson; second by Jerrett. Motions carried unanimously by call of the roll. Fair bills presented by Snitker; motion to pay bills as presented by Kuhn, second by Olson. Motions carried unanimously by call of the roll.

Correspondence: None

Motion by Kuhn, second by Olson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:27 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant