

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education  
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215  
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday November 5, 2015  
Minutes

Chairman Flesch called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

Roll Call: David Olson, Elling Jones, Pete Flesch, Wade Dull. Absent: Derek Flansburgh.  
Extension staff in attendance: Vance Haugen, Amy Mitchell, Will Cronin, Karen Snitker, Jane Schaaf.

Posting of agenda verified by Flesch.

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

University of WI Extension Items - Agent reports:

- Sonya Lenzendorf, WNEP Nutrition Coordinator – Vernon County
- Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent – Towards the end of the meeting, Jane arrived to present her report; hardcopy was distributed and will be placed on file.
- Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent
  - World Dairy Expo occupied the first part of October with overseeing the Crawford County Grazing Initiative booth. Made a lot of connections; good public relations with NRCS, Grazing, etc. Worked with Rhonda Gildersleeve, State Grazing Specialist and Ag Agents, Otto Wiegand and Gene Schriefer.
  - Farm visit to a new family that's moved to Crawford County. Purchased 180 acres and also renting a part of Mercantile Office Space in Gays Mills for their insurance business.
  - Pasture Walk held at Rhonda Gildersleeve's organic farm. 24 people attended.
  - Electronic and Ag Clean Sweep was a well-orchestrated, successful event providing tremendous, good public relations. Although the delivery process has been greatly improved upon, Dave is already working on ways to continue to make the process easier.
  - Helped teach one of the Master Gardener Volunteer classes focusing on soil/soil fertility/fertilizers to nine trainees.
- Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent –
  - Amy thanked David and Elling for attending 4-H awards night. Approximately 100 people attending with 75% of award winners present.
  - Trained new 4-H leaders in Prairie du Chien.
  - Started an after school program with Healthy Living grant - *Choose Health: Food, Fun and Fitness*. Amy is training teen leaders in both Boscobel and Wauzeka school districts.
  - At the request of parents and the students that had been in robotics last year, started robotics in Wauzeka; also able to get a teacher to help. Hopefully that will help the program be more sustainable.
  - Music fest – Oct 10. There was lower attendance than usual; went over well and reports happy kids.
  - Held the annual PALS training with Kathy Quamme – over 50 youth attended. The program matches high school students with elementary youth who are experiencing social, cognitive, emotional and physical setbacks; PALS meet with each other once a week.
  - Started Robotics in Prairie du Chien.
  - This weekend, taking three teens to teach at the 4-H Fall Forum held in the Dells. Excited for them. Two are from Steuben and one from Seneca.

- Will Cronin, CNRED Educator – Will presented a hardcopy of his report: report will be placed on file.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – November Agent calendars were distributed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items – WI Extension Cooperative Extension WACEC Award Certificate presented to David and Eling for their 5 years of service as committee members.

Date of next meeting: December 3 , 2015, 9:00 AM, Conference Room 215

Approval of payment of bills– Motion to approve bills as presented by Dull, second by Olson. Motion carried through call of the roll.

Correspondence: None presented

Motion to adjourn by Olson, second by Dull. Meeting adjourned 10:18 AM.