

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 236
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, October 5, 2017

Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

Roll Call: Wade Dull, David Olson, Wayne Jerrett, Donald Stirling. Absent: Mary Kuhn. Others in attendance: Amy Mitchell, Sonya Lenzendorf, Will Cronin, Craig Saxe (UW-Extension Area Extension Director), Karen Snitker.

Posting of agenda verified by Snitker.

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

University of WI Extension Items - Agent Reports

Amy Mitchell, 4-H Youth Development Agent–

- Office work – Amy is the site supervisor for AmeriCorps Volunteer program involving
 - Hiring two AmeriCorps – Meg Wise, Community Outreach and just recently hired Emily Highnam, Nutrition Educator in the schools.
- Works with Youth Risk Behavior Survey – as part of a Cesa 3 involving Grant, Richland, Lafayette and Crawford schools; 7-12 grade students. Amy took on a new task involving getting online passwords set up in the schools.
- 4-H Year ended in September – National 4-H week is coming up next week. Amy and 4-H youth involved in promoting 4-H – through PSA's, posters, working with libraries, etc.
- Met with Meat Animal Auction committee to talk about the Fair auction, weighing of animals and educational components, etc.
- Met with horse barn committee to help them get organized to come to consensus about the horse building they intend building at the fairgrounds.

Sonya Lenzendorf, FoodWise Program Coordinator -

- September marked the end of a year for FoodWise and October starts a new one. Busy working on Year-end reports and scheduling events for the new year. Sonya starts teaching at Prairie du Chien School District in 2nd, 3rd, 4th grades next week.
- Healthy Roots Partnerships:
 - Monthly Food Service Director Meeting
 - Working with Bargain Boutique (CouleeCap) Food Pantry to help expand hours into an evening or weekend. Potential to coordinate youth to volunteer during these hours.
 - Great Apple Crunch – Is a promotional event sponsored by Farm to School to encourage healthy eating and local foods. On October 12, Schools, businesses and individuals will be biting into an apple as part of this campaign. The County Administration Building is also participating and is being led by Public Health. All are welcomed to join.
- Richland County Educator Position – We are hoping to be starting the hiring process for a FoodWise educator in Richland County soon.

Will Cronin, CNRED Agent –

- Getting caught up after Paternity Leave
- Economic Development Corporation working with Prairie du Chien downtown market analysis. Will is involved with the merging process of Prairie du Chien Economic Development Corporation and Crawford County Economic Development Corporation. Doing a lot of prep work.
- Preparing for a presentation at WI Downtown Summit in Sheboygan.
- Involved with the Community Vitality Team.
- Preparing for representing UW-Extension at a roundtable community stakeholders gathering at UW-Richland, October 24 – Extensions value regarding economic development.
- Wrapping up the farmers' market season. Moving into off-season work for next year.
- Joint effort marketing with Driftless WI Tourism regarding the JEM promotion grant. Will did an evaluation for the grant.
- Involved with the upcoming joint PdCEDC and CCEDC Visioning Retreat stakeholders event held in Gays Mills, October 18. Its purpose is to reveal the merger process and designed as an organizational interactive business meeting to gain input from stakeholders, businesses, etc. regarding the future of the community.

Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent – Representing Extension and Grazing at World Dairy Expo.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items –

Craig Saxe –UW-Extension Area Director Update

- The hiring process has begun with UW-Extension opening the first cycle of position postings; Crawford positions will possibly be part of the 2nd cycle.
- Craig is a member of a hiring and recruitment workgroup charged with developing guidelines and policies for the upcoming hiring process.
- He is also a member of the Horticulture in nEXTgen workgroup, which is tasked with looking at different ways to meet horticulture and Master Gardener needs at the county level. He reported how Crawford County addresses that Master Gardener programming has been talked about at the state level as one model that is working well and should be considered for other counties.

Public Comments – None presented

Date of next meeting: Thursday, November 2, 2017.

Approve payment of bills –

- Motion by Olson, second by Stirling to approve Ag/Extension bills as presented, accepting bills and September 28, 2017, voucher correction. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.
 - 9/28/2017 voucher correction presented by Snitker - \$124.66 was paid out of CNRED account for National 4-H Council payment for award items which is an Ext. Youth Development After School Program expense.

Correspondence: None presented.

Motion by Stirling, second by Olson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant