

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting
Crawford County Administration Building Room 215
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, February 7, 2019
Minutes

Chairman Wade Dull called the meeting to order at 10:43 AM. Members present: David Olson, Don Stirling, Wayne Jerrett. Absent, Mary Kuhn. Others present: Amanda Griswold, Sonya Lenzendorf, Adam Hady, Craig Saxe, UW-Extension AED; Karen Snitker.

Agenda posting was verified.

Motion to approve minutes by Olson, second by Jerrett. Motion carried unanimously.

UW Extension items – Agent and Coordinator Reports

Amy Mitchell, 4-H and Youth Development Educator

- January and December – Amy has been reporting to the state and working on her 2019 Plan of Work.
- Amy serves on Faculty Senate and spent time with this group and the Department of Youth Development talking through changes that are happening as UW-Extension transitions to UW-Madison.
- Held beef weigh-in – quite a few families including new families participated.
- Visited Nifty Neighbors 4-H club – record books, goal setting.
- 4-H FoodSmart Families grant program – Amy trained five teens for the after school FoodSmart program in PDC; with the school partnerships established, it was an easy recruitment process. She also is working with the North Crawford afterschool program with the 4-H FoodSmart families' grant.
- A couple of years ago – BAPI PR connected with Amy to get youth into Technology and get them to come back to BAPI to work. Amy connected with a North Crawford teacher through the Robotics program and also met with BAPI pairing the Robotics program to BAPI, which includes state specialists involved in the program. The teacher ran with it with middle and high school groups are meeting weekly with 10 students participating in MS and 10 students participating in HS and going to competitions. It continues to grow at North Crawford.

Sonya Lenzendorf, FoodWise Coordinator – overview of her history with Ext. 2009.

- Transitioning to Public Health.

Amanda Griswold, Human Development and Relationships Educator

- Presented a Healthy Roots Resolution for the Extension committee's endorsement so it can be brought before the full county board meeting in February. Motion to approve document. presented with corrections, by Don, second by Olson.
- Attended a cohort meeting in Madison and other meetings through Zoom.
- Attended an area HDRE program meeting in Richland Center.
- Working on Healthy Roots and the partnership.
- Joined Stay Strong to acquaint herself with the group.

Adam Hady, Agriculture Educator

- Adam reports this is the season for reports and planning.
- Met with Ag agents at a regional meeting.
- Met with a Crawford County dairy farmer to help with financial aspects of transitioning out of dairy farming.
- Hosted a Dairy Margin program in Gays Mills; key presenter, Mark Stevenson.
- Doing some farm transitioning program planning that is coming up in March.
- End of the month Adam participated in a Pork conference in WI Dells. Made many connections and was recognized for distinguished work in the pork industry.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items

- Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director
 - Sonya Lenzendorf steps down as the FoodWise Coordinator on February 8th to take a position with the Crawford County Health Department. Approval has been given to begin the hiring process for the FoodWise Coordinator. The Coordinator covers a 3 county area and is presently housed in Crawford County. As part of the hiring process, the successful candidate will help determine which County to be located in. Therefore, going forward it is possible Crawford County would house an educator rather than the coordinator.
- UW-Extension Educator Position - Community Natural Resource & Economic Development Educator.
 - Driftless Wisconsin approved the 50/50 hiring partnership.
 - Saxe shared the position description for the Community Development Educator. It has been submitted to Human Resources. Upon completing their review, they will provide next steps for the hiring process. Two additional documents were also handed out. These documents were created to further clarify the partnership and working relationship between Extension, Crawford County and Driftless Development Inc.

Public Comments – None Presented.

Date of next meeting – March 7, 2019.

Motion to approve payment of bills by Olson, second by Jerrett. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Correspondence – None presented.

Adjournment – Motion by Stirling, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously; adjourned 11:34 AM.

Karen Snitker, Program Assistant