

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 236
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, January 4, 2018

Minutes

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

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

Posting of agenda verified by Snitker.

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

University of WI Extension Items – Reports:

Amy Mitchell - 4-H Youth Development Educator

- Working on planning for 2018 and reporting for 2017.
- December 2 – held the annual 4-H Officer Training at Wauzeka Church Hall; 28 kids attended. Reviewed officer roles, how things are going at their meetings with regard to environment, involvement with members and leaders, functionality of committees, different parts of meetings, etc. Each youth was assigned to establish two goals as an officer and as a general member which Amy then shares with their respective general leader.
- Amy became a certified Youth Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) certified instructor. YQCA replaces MAQA. Amy is planning a training. 4-H youth showing animals who cannot make the training will also have an online training option.

Will Cronin – CNRED Educator

- Will announced, he has accepted a regional position with Michigan State University. His region will be the entire western part of UP with specific focus on tourism. Last day will be March 2nd to wrap things up. Over-riding goal between now and then is to work with stakeholders in the county so when the position is filled there can be a smooth transition.

Vance Haugen - Agriculture Agent

- Vance presented a slide show of his most recent trip to Haiti.
- Wrapping things up in preparation for leaving the end of the month which includes preparing an exit report. Vance is working with some groups to give them some guidance. Have received three calls to help out at meetings before the end of the month.
- Vance expressed his gratitude for the 26 years he was able to work in the Ag field with Crawford County and UW-Extension, thanking the committee for the opportunity to have had a great experience. Vance also shared he had great colleagues to work with and pleased the Ag Extension Committee is planning on hiring someone to fill the position.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items –

- Craig Saxe presented the Amended 2018 Contract –
 - Motion to approve amended 2018 contract by Olson, second by Stirling. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comments – None presented

Date of next meeting: Thursday, February 1, 2018.

Approve payment of bills –

- Motion by Olson, second by Jerrett to approve Ag/Extension bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call.

Correspondence: Thank you letter and annual report from Crawford County Master Gardener Volunteer Association members.

Motion by Olson, second by Jerrett. Meeting adjourned 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant