

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting
Crawford County Administration Building
Room 236, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, June 4, 2020
Minutes

Chairman Wade Dull called the meeting to order at 9:56 AM. Members present: David Olson, Don Stirling, Mary Kuhn. Excused absence: Wayne Jerrett

Others present: Karen Snitker. Via Zoom: Amy Mitchell, Jessica Spayde, Amanda Griswold, Sheena F, Kathy Lange, Carolyn Ihde, Craig Saxe.

Agenda posting verified by Karen.

Motion to approve minutes as printed by David; second, Don. Motion carried unanimously.

UW Extension items – Agent and Coordinator Reports

- Educators presented their reports.
- Reports were provided to all committee members in hardcopy.

Educators gave an overview of their June programming and activities.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items –

- Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director - UW-Extension Educator
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 - WEXA Dues
 - Following the reorganization of WACEC (WI Assoc. Of County Extension Committees) to WEXA (WI Extension Association), WEXA is providing a dues payment and a summary of benefits. WEXA is organized as an unincorporated nonprofit association dedicated to providing a forum for the consideration of issues affecting Wisconsin counties related to UW-Madison Extension. Dues remain the same as past years (\$50).
 - Community Development Educator Update
 - Last month Driftless Development Inc requested to dissolve the partnership of mutual support for the Community Development Educator position. This partnership ends June 30. At the request of the committee, Craig reached out to UW-Madison Extension to explore funding options for keeping this position whole. As a result, starting July 1, UW-Madison Extension will support this position at the previous 1.0 FTE co-funded level. Increased expenditures to Crawford County for this contract year will be \$10,740. Coincidentally, due to the vacant Agriculture position for the first half of the year and educator furloughs, reduced expenditures to the contracted services line should be down \$10,374. The remaining budget shortfall of \$366 can be managed through reduced travel and supplies.

Date of next meeting – July 2, 2020, 10 a.m. or immediately following the Fair Committee meeting.

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

Motion to adjourn by Don, second by Mary at 11:49 AM.

Karen Snitker, Program Assistant