

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, March 1, 2018

Minutes

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

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

Posting of agenda verified by Snitker.

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

University of WI Extension Items – Reports:

Will Cronin – CNRED Educator

- Will is working on his exit report for finalization by March 2.
- Met with the Farmers Markets Grow organization to review where they are in the transition process for organizational stability.
- Finishing up with Driftless Development survey work. Laura Brown, former UW-Extension CNRED Educator, will be contracted to remotely administer the surveys.
- Will shared he enjoyed his time with Crawford County; that it's been a great place for work. He expressed his gratitude for the super support he's received from the office staff, this committee and county stakeholders.

Sonya – FoodWise Coordinator: attending a FoodWise Coordinator meeting in Madison.

Amy Mitchell – 4-H Youth Development Agent

- Started the month with 4-H project work.
- Beef weigh-in – Eric Grimsled hosted the event with 8 – 10 families weighing in approximately 20 cattle.
- Feb. 4 – Cake Decorating project at Sacred Heart Church Hall in Wauzeka. Luba Nagel, was the guest presenter. She talked with the 15 members about Russian cake decorating.
- Wauzeka-Steuben schools received a 21st Century Learning grant for after-school-programing. Amy partnered with the schools to do after-school program through the 4-H Food Smart Program who funds those programming expenses. Amy reports three teens did a great job educating the kids.
- Wauzeka school – 4-H Project Leaders are doing quilting and sewing with the kids.
- Speaking and Demonstration contest – Seneca school.
- Held the monthly Leaders Association meeting.
- Amy and Sonya have partnered to form a Youth Advocate for Community Health group: A small group of youth, 9-12 graders, work as a team with FoodWise and 4-H Agents to identify and carry out a healthy choices educational program.
 - They have been interviewing students for the positions.
- Met with MAA committee – they are working on improving the MAA area at the fair and discussed changes to the fair book.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items

Position descriptions –

- Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director presented the first draft of the Ag, Family Living and CNRED position descriptions with the committee members taking an active part in determining various description components. The job descriptions will be reviewed at the April committee meeting. The Ag and Family Living positions could possibly be posted sometime in May. Craig reports, eventually, Cooperative Extension will be imported into UW Madison as a Division. However, he doesn't believe it will change what we've been doing.

Public Comments – None presented

Date of next meeting: Thursday, April 5, 2018.

Approve payment of bills –

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

Correspondence - None

Motion by Jerrett, second by Olson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 9:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant