

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education  
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday, May 4, 2017  
Minutes

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

Roll Call: David Olson, Donald Stirling, Wayne Jerrett. Absent: Mary Kuhn. Others in attendance: Vance Haugen, Amy Mitchell, Jane Schaaf, Sonya Lenzendorf, Karen Snitker, Julie Hazen, Donna Teynor

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 –

Crawford County Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV), Julie Hazen (Association President) and Donna Teynor (Level 1 Training Facilitator) presented an overview of the MGV program, the positive impact it has in the county and the various efforts the volunteers represent UW-Extension and Crawford County UW-Extension.

Wade left the meeting to attend a meeting with Corporate Counsel - 9:33 a.m.

Olson assumed Chair responsibilities.

Agent Reports:

Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent -

- Finished the twelve week Stay Strong program in April – 34 participants met twice weekly over a 12-week period of time.
- Facilitated the 8-hour co-parenting class with 5 dads/1 mom participating.
- Provided another parenting sheet for Head Start. Katie McGovern is the volunteer reader for this monthly activity. She reads a story to the children and then each child gets a copy of that book to take home and keep. Jane creates a sheet for parents each month that offers suggestions for things to do to with their child related to that story. The Prairie du Chien Head Start center will be closed after this school year because of reduced enrollment numbers. It will transition into a home-based program and will be available throughout the county.
- Recorded her monthly radio spots; April's topics included Move More in April; Whole Grains; Latest in Food Product Dating; Myths about Child Abuse
- Attended a health related symposium in Madison with Sonya.

Dull returned 9:43 a.m.

Sonya, FoodWise Coordinator Report

- Sonya distributed the FoodSense quarterly newsletter; topic - sugar.
- Wrapped up the year with the Wauzeka School; looking forward to summer projects.
- Attended the Spring It On event. representing Healthy Roots and FoodWise and highlighting the story walks that are available through the local libraries.
- Attended "Upside Down Thinking" training with Jane.
- Currently planning for the next fiscal year for both Crawford and Vernon and the most recent addition, Richland County.

Will Cronin – CNRED Educator – Attending a CVP meeting in Reedsburg

Amy Mitchell – 4- Youth Development Educator –

- 4-H Food Smart Grant - The 4-H state office reapplied for the Food Smart grant and WI is funded 2017-19 making it possible to once again do more summer afterschool programs. It provides an added dimension to Sonya's in-school FoodSmart program and also provides funding so Amy can hire a summer intern. Teen leaders will be involved in the summer program.
- Drama Festival was held April 5 at the Prairie du Chine high-school theater. It was a big event with one play having a cast of eight and the other four plays casting 20-30 kids.
- Held an after-school robotics program – 2 sessions each with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent -

- Passed the tenured faculty review – held every 5 years after receiving tenure.
- First Pasture Walk was held last Tuesday at Mike Lind's farm; 51 attendees.
- Attended Cover Crop Field Day – 60 attendees. A collaborative effort with neighboring Extension Agents and UW-Extension specialists.
- Working with Greenlands Blue Water group.
- Attended the regional ANRE meeting in Marshfield.
- Presented an overview of trip to Nicaragua.

Ag/Extension Committee Related items – Agents' May calendars were presented. Amy also presented information regarding the WI Associated County Extension Committees, Inc. (WACEC) annual meeting to be held September 24-26 in WI Dells.

Public Comment – None

Date of next meeting: Thursday, June 1, 9 a.m.

Approve payment of bills:

- Ag/Extension bills presented by Snitker; motion to approve as presented by Olson; second by Jerrett. Motion carried unanimously by call of the roll.
- Fair bills presented by Snitker; motion to pay bills as presented by Jerrett, second by Stirling. Motion carried unanimously by call of the roll.

Correspondence: WACEC invitation presented earlier.

Motion by Jerrett, second by Olson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant