

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting  
Crawford County Administration Building Room 215  
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday, October 4, 2018  
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Members present: David Olson, Mary Kuhn, Don Stirling. Absent, Wayne Jerrett. Others present: Amy Mitchell, Sonya Lenzendorf, Craig Saxe, Karen Snitker.

Snitker verified posting of Agenda.

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

UW Extension items – Agent and Coordinator Reports

Sonya Lenzendorf, FoodWise Coordinator

- Couleecap invited Sonya and others to prepare a community concern paper. Sonya presented her paper, “A healthy Community Is Good For All” to the committee. A hardcopy was distributed and will be placed on file. Sonya’s program is focused on nutrition education and she depends on community partnership to help identify poverty gaps and work toward eliminating the gaps that impact health.

Don Stirling arrived 9:08 AM

Amy Mitchell, 4-H and Youth Development Educator

- The new 4-H year is moving along great. Getting paperwork underway; 4-H Club renewing their charters; club leadership, setting goals and reviewing their financials.
- School year – Amy is setting up for the upcoming after school programming. Working with North Crawford and their early release program and the Wauzeka school.
- Met with youth risk behavior colleagues, planning for the next survey the spring of 2019.
- Went to a CESA (Cooperative Educational Services) 3 – Youth mental health and first aid training. Amy reports it was very beneficial providing an opportunity for community members, nurses, pastors, etc. to learn about signs to look for to help prevent and intervene in alcohol, drug abuse, violent behaviors - what to say, not to say and when to get help. A state grant covered the expense for this training.

Review Agent(s) programs and activities

- Amy verbally presented her October schedule.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items

- Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director
  - Budget – received 2019 educator contract numbers.
  - Because we just have one educator versus four, the upcoming billing, related to the 2018 contract, will be a readjustment refund allocation; no payment will be required.
- UW-Extension Educator Positions
  - Family Living – Human Development & Relationships Extension Educator – The signed contract from Madison has not been received so we can’t officially announce the position has been filled. However, the start date is scheduled for October 22, 2018.
  - Agriculture Educator – Craig announced Adam Hady, Richland County Ag Agent, is willing to transition to 50-50 shared position with Crawford County. Motion by Don Stirling, second by Kuhn to request 50/50 share with Richland County with Adam Hady as AG Agent. Motion carried unanimously.

- Community Nat. Resource & Economic Development Educator – Craig has nothing new to report. The committee would like Craig to continue talks with Jim Bowman, Driftless Wisconsin.

Public Comments – None Presented.

Date of next meeting – November 1, 2018.

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

Correspondence – None presented.

Adjournment – Motion by Kuhn, second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously 10AM.