

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting
Crawford County Administration Building Room 215
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, April 4, 2019
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 10:28 AM. Members present: David Olson, Mary Kuhn, Don Stirling. Excused absence: Wayne Jerrett. Others present: Amanda Griswold, Adam Hady, Amy Mitchell, Craig Saxe, UW-Extension AED; Karen Snitker, Program Assistant.

Agenda posting was verified by Snitker.

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

UW Extension items – Agent and Coordinator Reports

Amy Mitchell, 4-H and Youth Development Educator

- Strengthening 4-H Clubs and Leadership
 - Speaking and Demonstration Contest was held with 26 participants.
 - Project Discovery Day. This event requires a lot of communication between myself and club leaders. Club leaders are responsible for coming up with one session for the event. 73 participants. 21 non 4-H youth registered for the event. Club leaders spent time talking with parents about 4-H and their clubs. One has already enrolled in 4-H.
 - Club visit to the Wonder Workers club in Prairie.
- Connecting with the Community
 - Concluded the 4-H FoodSmart family program in three school districts, Boscobel, Prairie du Chien, North Crawford. Held three family events with a total of approximately 156 youth and adult participants. 68 participants in the 3 afterschool programs, with 33 evaluations completed. 94% of participants said that they sort of or yes learned about healthy food choices during the program. 88% indicated that they have given their family ideas for healthy meals or snacks. Several families talked about wanting to join 4-H. One of the participants enrolled in a 4-H club.
 - Chaired a Children's Advisory Board meeting. Attended a school justice partnership meeting. Farm 2 School. We had a site visit with the DPI staff member that oversees the program. I need to work with community partners to evaluate the need for the program and the funding source.
- Professional Development
 - Participated in a STEM webinar hosted by University of Minnesota.

Amanda Griswold, Human Development and Relationships Educator

- Participated in Gays Mills Community Wellness Days, providing education with Dana Scheffan, F2School intern.
- Stay Strong is doing well; planning on getting officially trained.
- Seneca Wellness Day – presented on Shaken Baby Syndrome and SIDs (Sudden Infant Death) training.
- Outreach – Connected with the Prairie du Chien school district school counselor and attended Sources of Strength offered in school systems.
- Pairing with the school to help meet the needs of middle school parenting needs.
- Professional Development – Developing Youth Mental Health Training.
- Attending a lot of webinars – E-Parenting (education for parents), Fathering Program, etc.
- Attending UW Co-hort meetings and writing yearly plan and evaluations'
- Working with the state regarding Triple P Parenting
- Involved with the Wellness Committee for Crawford County; created a survey for the county employees.

- Met with Human Service; will work with them regarding weatherization resources and how to effectively make use of those resources.

Adam Hady, Agriculture Educator –

- Big program for March, Shifting Gears, didn't come to fruition due to lack of registrants.
- Receiving an uptake in phone calls.
- Met with a farmer who wanted information on retro-upgrading his system.
- Met with Master Gardener Volunteers, Julie and Donna to establish expectations related to Adam's involvement with the program, Donna and Julie's roles and establishing that relationship.
- Professional Development – Adam is a state wide trainer for Pork and is certified to train advisors for the state of Wisconsin.
- Working on a formal needs assessment for both Crawford and Richland.
- Attended an area 13 meeting with other Ag Agents, Monday, April 1.

Review Agent(s) programs and activities – April calendars

- Amy, Amanda and Adam will be attending the JCEP two-day conference.
- Amanda – Scheduled Co-hort meetings, Co-hosting ACE group with Human Services and starting the process of inviting child care providers for training sessions for them to receive state accreditation.
- Adam – Pasture Walk schedule is being finalized; should come out later this month. Trying to schedule other agents in area 13 to meet for summer program planning.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items

- Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director
 - Email addresses have been changed from ces.uwex.edu to wisc.edu
 - UW-Extension Educator Position/s
 - Community, Nat. Resource & Economic Development Educator – Paper screening was last week, 12 candidates with five selected for preliminary interviews. The final review can be scheduled for either Tuesday, May 7 or Wednesday May 15. Tentative plans are set for the 7th.
 - FoodWise – Position Description was submitted to Madison and is before the Financial Advisor it has not moved from there. Craig intends on e-mailing the advisor periodically to hopefully get the position posted soon.
 - Fair processes/tasks with regard to Extension Office Staff and Fair Coordinators
 - Discussion regarding the new coordinators and the Fair Committee as their supervisors establishing a system for the type of oversight needed for them to succeed. Karen Snitker has been training Ralph on the Fair bookkeeping processes already established. Two committee members will be meeting individually with both Ralph and Laurie after this meeting to get an overview of their progress, etc.

Public Comments – None.

Date of next meeting – May 2, 2019.

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 11:55 AM.

Karen Snitker, Program Assistant