

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting

Crawford County Administration Building
Room 215, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Mary Kuhn, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:14pm.

Members Present: Mary Kuhn, Wayne Jerrett, Craig Anderson, Owen DuCharme, and Sarah Nelson. Others present: Adam Hady (Area Extension Director), Sara Tedeschi, Beth McIlquham, Nicole Dettman.

Verify posting of Agenda by Mary Kuhn.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve June minutes by DuCharme, second by Jerrett. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Mary abstained due to not being in attendance in June.

University of Wisconsin Extension Items:

- Educators/Coordinators Reports:

Sara Tedeschi, Community Development Educator

- Agritourism task group
 - Next meeting is Wednesday, June 16
 - Advisory Committee – Crawford County focus
- Farmers Market Promotion Program
 - Direct Marketing/Sales in the southwest WI region
 - Waiting for a response on grant funding
- Farm-to-School
 - Possible grant that would be producer focused
 - Pilot program in Crawford County
- Looking at programming around shared use commercial kitchens around the community/county
- Driftless Art Festival
- Farmers Markets are up and running. Has visited all of them and will continue to throughout the summer. Providing calendars to handout at the markets.
 - Wisconsin Arts Award Grant, will be used for music

Beth McIlquham, Regional Livestock Educator

- Great River Graziers Pasture Walk
 - Hoping to attend more!
- Beef Producer Meeting will be held sometime in August
- Crawford County Stewardship Project – event in Westby on July 16
- Working on setting up additional workshops/meetings throughout the region
- Writing articles, fact sheets, etc

- Area Extension Director Report: **Adam Hady**
 - FoodWise – Federal funding ends Sept 30

Minutes submitted by Nicole Dettman

- Soldiers Grove Community Garden progress
 - Garden Story Walk
 - Programming for kids
- Part-time position has been accepted
 - Beginning August 4
 - Gearing towards 1200 hours/year
- Rural Community Economic Development Specialist – Rural Livability
 - Position has been accepted
 - Beginning August 11

Public Comments: None

Date of next meeting: August 7, 2025 at 10:00am or immediately following Fair Committee Meeting

Payment of Bills: Motion by DuCharme to approve payment of bills/vouchers as presented, second by Nelson. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Anderson, second by Jerrett. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned 12:43pm.