

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting

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

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Owen DuCharme called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

Members Present: Craig Anderson, Owen DuCharme, and Sarah Nelson. Others present: Adam Hady, Amanda Griswold, Christine Myhr, Sara Tedeschi, Beth McIlquham, Sam Bibby, Jenni Severson, & Nicole Dettman. Absent: Mary Kuhn & Wayne Jerrett.

Verify posting of Agenda by Owen DuCharme.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve August minutes by Sarah Nelson, second by Owen DuCharme. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

University of Wisconsin Extension Items:

- Jenni Severson – new part-time hire, working 20 hours a week
- Educators/Coordinators Reports:
 - Sam Bibby, Regional Crops Educator**
 - Field day on his farm: Sunflower Nitrogen Rate Trial
 - Well attended and positive feedback
 - Spoke at 2 of Beth's livestock meetings
 - Planted a cover crop plot in Vernon County
 - State-wide Weed Management Workshop coming up
 - Sponsorship is allowing free collegiate attendance
 - New technologies will be on display, all running against each other
 - Beth McIlquham, Regional Livestock Educator**
 - Cover Crop Grazing Workshop with Sam back in mid-July
 - 2 different Cow-Calf Workshops, LaCrosse & Crawford County
 - Calving Workshop in November, for both beef & dairy producers
 - Interest and looking into farm-succession workshops
 - Getting started on winter programming
 - In-person training for BQA
 - Christine Myhr, FoodWise Educator**
 - Programming has continued during recovery
 - Story Walk in Soldiers Grove and Viroqua
 - Cleaned out Viroqua office
 - Giving support to various partners to hopefully take over programming, specifically the multi-generational garden in Soldiers Grove
 - When cleaning out the office, hoping to give resources to the schools and partners to assist with sharing nutrition education
 - Archiving materials as well, with the hope of the programming being refunded
 - Oct 1 is final day

Minutes submitted by Nicole Dettman

Amanda Griswold, *Human Development & Relationship Educator*

- HDRI was asked to support FoodWise
- Was a part of 2 Zooms provided to FoodWise educators, sharing information on retirement, documents to keep, etc
- Crawford County Fair 2025 recap

Sara Tedeschi, *Community Development Educator*

- Custom Grazing workshop/seminar was last night
 - Very informational that included business and entrepreneurial details
 - Looking to have this workshop held again in another location of Crawford County
 - Programs are set through the end of the year
 - Lots of volunteer work wearing both the citizen and Extension hat
 - Crawford & Vernon Farmers Union – utilization of SNAP & EBT at Farmers Markets
 - Great Apple Crunch - October
 - Food Entrepreneurial Community Food Systems Summit will be held end of October
 - Still working with the agritourism programming
 - Getting ready to promote trainings
 - Baldwin Grant – local community food assessment
- **Adam Hady**, Area Extension Director Report:
 - Monday, Sept 29, Area 13 Staff Meeting, office will be closed
 - **2026 Budget**
 - Reduced Supplies & Expenses, reduced Travel Expenses
 - Owen DuCharme made a motion to approve the budget as presented, Craig Anderson seconded. Approved by all.

Public Comments: None

Date of next meeting: October 2, 2025 at 10:00am or immediately following Fair Committee Meeting

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

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Craig Anderson, second by Owen DuCharme. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned 10:54am.