

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting

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

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Mary Kuhn called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

Members Present: Mary Kuhn, Wayne Jerrett, Craig Anderson, Owen DuCharme, and Sarah Nelson. Others present: Adam Hady, Amy Mitchell, Sara Tedeschi, Sam Bibby, & Nicole Dettman.

Verify posting of Agenda by Mary Kuhn.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve October minutes by Wayne Jerrett, seconded by Owen Ducharme. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

University of Wisconsin Extension Items:

- Educators/Coordinators Reports:

Sara Tedeschi, Community Development Educator

- Custom Grazing workshop this evening in Gays Mills, location other than PDC
- Community Kitchen & Entrepreneurship
 - How to better utilize the kitchens
 - Reduce barriers and increase interest
- Crawford County Farmers Market Grows
 - Non-profit created years ago to work with local markets will continue
- Agritourism
 - Farmer/Producer Trainings coming next year with state-level folks
 - 'Inventory' the county with local businesses, producers, farmers, farm-stays, etc of what's available
 - Guest speaker at each meeting to bring more info value to the meetings
 - Meeting with individual partners over the winter to see how to get more of an online presence
- Baldwin Grant - Wisconsin Idea
 - Feels Crawford County needs a community food assessment
 - Focuses on Vernon & Crawford Counties
- Attended FEED Summit last week
 - Felt it was high quality, but under attended

Amy Mitchell, 4-H & Youth Development Educator

- Awards Program was well attended, almost 100 4-Hers and family members
 - Many leaders recognized
- 253 currently enrolled, includes youth and leaders
- Robotics Afterschool program at Seneca
 - 6 week program was a success
 - 14 overall kids, 2 high school mentors
 - Mostly 4th graders
 - Will also be doing robotics demonstrations at club meetings

Minutes submitted by Nicole Dettman

- Presenting to the school board about what they learned
- 2 Youth from robotics program are going on to toy maker initiative at UW-Platteville
 - Field trip is Friday! Get to help cut out a toy with a laser cutter out of acrylic sheets/tile.
 - Might have shelf space at Johnson's to sell the toy(s)
 - STEM teacher from school is helping as well
- Project Meetings are starting back up!

Sam Bibby, Regional Crops Educator

- Had to pivot at a presentation, speakers not available from NRCS due to government shutdown, but great turn out!
- Nutrient management training, taking on new role
- Camelina – cover crop
 - New grant opportunity
 - Harvested the test field
- Nitrogen rate trial opportunity
- Wisconsin Agribusiness Classic – highly involved with the conference prep, also presenting at the conference
- Additional speaking opportunities

- **Adam Hady, Area Extension Director Report:**
 - All is good

Public Comments: None

Date of next meeting: December 4, 2025 at 10:00am or immediately following Fair Committee Meeting. January meeting will be on January 8, 2026

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

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Wayne Jerrett, seconded by Craig Anderson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned 10:59am.