

## **Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting**

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

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Mary Kuhn called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

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

**Verify posting of Agenda** by Mary Kuhn.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve January minutes by Wayne Jerrett, seconded by Owen DuCharme. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **University of Wisconsin Extension Items:**

- Educators/Coordinators Reports:

#### **Amanda Griswold, Human Development & Relationship Educator**

- Raising Wisconsin's Children Conference
  - Conference was yesterday. Great turnout and success.
- Triple P – Family Transitions
  - State initiative class
- Triple P – Teenagers
- Hoffman Hall
  - Now visiting once a month with the play group
  - Nice to see new and young families
- Parents Forever is underway
- Baldwin Grant – Saturday, April 25 9am-3pm, Crawford County Admin Bldg
  - Cost is \$20 per participant
- Money Smart Week planning is underway

#### **Amy Mitchell, 4-H & Youth Development Educator**

- Office Trainings
  - Visited 2 clubs this month
- Music Festival
  - Held at North Crawford Schools
  - Thanks to David Gibbs for judging and working with youth
- Robotics at Wauzeka-Steuben Schools
  - Started an afterschool program this month

#### **Sara Tedeschi, Community Development Educator**

- Agritourism Training finally underway
  - In person session was this past Saturday, covering 2 of the 6 modules
  - Farmers could use more opportunities to work collectively
  - Module 3 began on Wednesday with the virtual sessions, completing the 6 modules by the end of February

Minutes submitted by Nicole Dettman

- Farmers Markets
  - Submitted a small grant, pilot to bring up food access at markets
  - Mentoring small growers to become profitable
- Crawford County Farmers Market Grows
  - Working with new potential partners
- Business/Economic side of things
  - Driftless Development Inc
    - New leadership and how to move forward
  - Coulee Cap
    - After change of leadership, they are showing interest in still offering programming in Crawford County

**Beth McIlquham**, *Regional Livestock Educator*

- Beef Gang
  - Working on an article: 5 W's of Cattle
- Beef Roundup Series
  - Continuing the series, up next is ticks
- School for Beginning Producers
  - In the middle of this now, twice a week
- Direct Market Workshop – March 6, Viroqua
  - Many partners lined up for this day
  - Afternoon will be 'field trip' to Nordik Meats
- Spring Programming
  - Working with Sam on one
  - AI – 2 day course
  - Meeting with Small Ruminant Specialist - Carolyn

**Sam Bibby**, *Regional Crops Educator*

- Started pesticide applicator training
- Nutrient management trainings
- Wisconsin Ag Business Classic
  - Assisted with planning
- Attended Dirt/SMS Conference, held in ND
- Marble Seed Conference
  - Will be presenting on Small Grain Handling
  - Hands on session using small equipment from their farm
- Savings from the grant Sam works for 5%, Ag Institute Director allowed the purchase of a GPS unit/survey tool, to utilize for research projects, other colleagues, and local farmers
- Trying to find funds for Camelina research on carryover spray
- Upcoming Weed Control Clinic in Seneca at Hwy Dept, Feb 18

• **Adam Hady**, Area Extension Director Report:

- Look at all the great work the educators are doing!
- Chancellor Mnookin has taken a new position at Columbia University, so waiting for hiring process info
- Budget things are balancing out
- Midpoint performance checks today and next week

**Public Comments:** None

**Date of next meeting:** March 5, 2026 at 10:00am or immediately following Fair Committee Meeting.

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

**Correspondence:** None.

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

Meeting adjourned 10:57am.