

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

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

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Mary Kuhn called the meeting to order at 10:41am.

**Members Present:** Mary Kuhn, Craig Anderson, Owen DuCharme, and Sarah Nelson. Others present: Adam Hady, Sara Tedeschi, Beth McIlquham, Blake Roberts, & Nicole Dettman.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve February minutes by Owen DuCharme, seconded by Sarah Nelson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

- Educators/Coordinators Reports:

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

- Agritourism Training finished last week
  - What to do with producer/farm list?
  - Possible survey with next steps questions of what would be helpful
- Crawford County Farmers Market Grows
  - Meet-up at a neighboring community market
- Local Agritourism Group
  - Time to do and try something, gain experience – event based
  - Driftless Development Inc
    - New leadership and how to move forward
- Received grant from Food, Faith, & Farming Network
- Money Smart Wisconsin Week
  - Working to create program content for that week: Seed Swap – April 9
- Multigenerational Garden – Soldiers Grove Library
- Asked to join Land Conservation subcommittee

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

- Beef Roundup Series - final month
- FFA Forum - Ag Careers/Professions talk
- School for Beginning Beef Producers
  - Great attendance over all evenings and good feedback
- Quality Beef Marketing Workshops
  - March 6 in Viroqua – maxed registration
- Spring Workshop, partnering with Sam Bibby
  - Pasture management, weed control, pest control, record keeping
  - Held at Soldiers Grove on March 18
- Save the Date: Parasite Patrol Workshop – Gays Mills
- Vernon County Cattlemen's Conference presentation

**Blake Roberts**, *Rural Livability Specialist*

- Based out of Lancaster: serving Crawford, Grant, Iowa, & Lafayette
  - Common topics among all the counties:
    - Housing, Child & Senior Care, Leadership Development
    - Tourism, Grocery access are other topics
  - Statewide Entrepreneurial Conference – Green Lake
    - Registration could be covered if folks want to attend
  - Possible survey on Childcare to parents and businesses
- **Adam Hady**, Area Extension Director Report:
    - Thank you to Blake for being able to join the meeting today

**Public Comments:** None

**Date of next meeting:** April 2, 2026 at 10:00am or immediately following Fair Committee Meeting.

**Payment of Bills:** Motion by Owen DuCharme 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 Craig Anderson, seconded by Sarah Nelson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned 11:14am.