

**AGENDA**  
**White County Ag. Association Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**  
**4-H Building, Reynolds**

**Call to Order** – Jeff Campbell

**Sharing of Comments, Evaluations from the 2016 White County 4-H Fair**

- Discussion around the evaluation and survey, as well as how to proceed with moving forward with the survey results.
- It was discussed to have one member from each township with required attendance of the committee leaders (Barn chairman, etc) Communication gets bogged down, because the right people aren't getting the right communication because they are not attending the meetings.

**Secretary's Minutes** – Kim Stockment

- Joann Burnside suggested that we add in last names to minutes. Kim Stockment agreed to do the best she could while typing on the fly.
- Chuck Hintzman memorial – Chuck was a son, not a grandson of Fred & Honey
- Antique Tractor club wants to be sure the Garden Tractor is NOT associated with them.
- Keesling not Kiesling
- Steffanie Warren moved to accept the changes as presented. Sara Shelton seconded. Motion Passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Marleta Misch

- Kim Stockment questioned where the app fee should be placed, outside of the commercial budget line. After referring to the minutes it was never decided where the funds would come from. Cindy Campbell moved that the app fee comes out of the general fund. Motion was seconded and passed.
- Ron Byrd moved that we put ourselves back into the Indiana Fairs & festival guide. Motion was seconded and passed.

**Jr. Leader Report**

- Ron Byrd mentioned that the Junior Leaders are looking for a new adult volunteer to lead the group.

**Committee Reports**

Adopt-a-Building

Annual Meeting

Antique Tractor

- Jeff Campbell thanked the group for mowing and continuing to keep up the area.

Arena

- Roger Geisler mentioned that there's an area where the concrete has dropped on the east entrance to the arena near the sheep barn, and he will go in and fix that.

Audit/Budget

- Exec committee will start working on the budget in the next month.

Awards

Battle of the Barns

## Booster Club

- Cindy Griffin - We did have 6 day sponsors – thanks to all who helped solicit thoughts.
  - o Cindy Griffin agreed with Andy Tolley's comment that a more face to face approach needs to be taken when soliciting sponsors.
- Kim Stockment asked about how we equally recognize sponsorship, this lead to a discussion on how to garner more sponsorship and what kind of game plan we have to do that effectively.

## Capital Improvement

### Commercial

- Kim Stockment announced that the committee was very happy with the outcome from the family fun zone ticket sales. They have taken the feedback received on the survey and met as a committee to figure out how to address the concerns that have been shared.
- Chad Dahlenburg discussed the EMS building concerns brought forward by the Chalmers Fire crew, and noted that we have addressed those issues going forward.
- Jeff Campbell asked for a breakdown of the money from the group, and Kim Stockment reported they were in the black, largely due to the Donkey Basketball fundraiser.

## 4-H Building

### Grounds

- Randy Freshour asked to pursue a topographical survey. Chad Dahlenburg mentioned that Kevin Kelley would offer to do a topographical survey.
- Phil Hunt recommended to leverage the knowledge of the board and to utilize the expertise in the room.
- Cindy Campbell made a motion to authorize Randy Freshour to contact Kevin Kelley to make a topographical survey for us.

### Land Use & Management (Hintzman)

- Randy Freshour reported that Jerry has bids, and will provide them at the next meeting for discussion.

## Livestock

### Livestock Auction

- Jeff Campbell reported that they met last week as a committee. They might have a donor to donate some screens. The group had been using the online entry program but will be switching back to Show Works. They will NOT change the auction time for next year. The committee felt the auction timing worked out very well. There were sound glitches.
- Steffanie Warren asked if the problem was the software or a learning curve. Denise Schroeder responded that show works is what they have used, and it worked well. They chose to switch to go to Fair Entry, because it was free with Purdue tech support – this year it was not easy. Denise Schroeder mentioned that she and Dave Lehe did things last year together and it was very smooth. This year it took a team to do the data entry and Denise fixed issues as the night went along. Steffanie Warren asked if not every auction is the same, and Candis Dart pointed out that each auction is run a little bit different. Denise Schroeder mentioned that although we did not check out but a few buyers on the night of

the auction, we are well ahead in collecting dollars so far after the auction.

- Chad Dahlenburg asked about the committee taking another percent from the auction to enhance the communication of the event. Cindy Campbell mentioned that we want to be sure that we still announce buyer names, because that's the added benefit for the buyer.

Chad Dahlenburg mentioned it'd be beneficial for the seller as well.

## Long Range Planning

### Nominating

- Jeff Campbell mentioned we will have some vacancies coming up this year, so we will need to get together to fill those.

### Parking/Security

### Program

### Queen

### Sound

- The wires are down in front of the Pops Place stand. We had Joe check out the wires for electric issues. Must have been a large truck that pulled the lines. We will have to have that repaired, but it helps us make improvements for the arena. The box in the arena has a lot of corrosion.
- Andy Stoll reported that the dairy barn worked two weeks before the fair, didn't work the day of the fair.
- Ron Byrd also reported that the speakers in the arena are not likely set for a wireless mic.

### Waste Handling

### Feasibility Study

- Cindy Campbell reported that she will submit the financial and historical information to Jeff at Pros for the ProForma.
  - Steffanie Warren & Sara Shelton asked if this was taking the normal amount of time, and asked for more information. Steffanie mentioned that she didn't realize that the map was out in the extension building, and she had no idea what it was or how to back it up.
- Communication was again brought up as a common theme that needs to be strengthened.

### Other

### Unfinished Business

- Fairgrounds Lighting
  - Ron Byrd updated on the lighting grant from NIPSCO. The updated numbers are \$16,600 lighting that will be covered by \$16,600 grant dollars. \$8,900 worth of normal bulbs will be replaced with led bulbs for \$8900 in grant money. 41 poles around the fairgrounds and 14 lights at the arena. Ron also talked about townships that he contacted and they have offered up money to cover the upfront costs, and then those dollars are to be earmarked for electric, infrastructure types of things.
- Grievance Procedures
  - Candis shared the grievance procedure and addressed how the motion

made in July would not be valid because it did go against State 4-H policy.

- Sara S. asked if the three step process could be adjusted, to start within the committee. Candis suggested that might be a biased opinion.
- Jeff C reported that NIPSCO will come in and remove some trees at our request, and they will do that for free. We will then have to do the clean up after they cut them.

## New Business

- Future White County 4-H Fair Dates
  - Jeff Geisler moved to have the fair July 22-July 27, 2017.
    - Kim Stockment started the discussion about adding Friday evening to the fair.
    - Discussion ensued about safety of moving in, moving in Thursday night or moving in Friday morning. Ron Byrd called for the question. The motion was failed.
    - Adam Wasson questioned why we have to avoid Jasper, and it was discussed that Jasper really does hurt our attendance numbers more than any other surrounding county.
    - Andy Stoll moved to have the fair July 22 -27. Motion failed.
    - Phil Hunt moved to start the fair July 21 and end on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion was seconded. Sara Shelton called for the question. Motion was passed 11-9.
  - 2017 Dates of surrounding fairs:
    - Carroll: Friday, July 14 – Saturday, July 22
    - Cass: Sunday, July 9 – Saturday, July 15
    - Jasper: Saturday, July 15 – Friday, July 21
    - Tippecanoe: Saturday, July 22 – Saturday, July 29
- Other

## Upcoming Dates

- **October 1<sup>st</sup>:** 2016-2017 4-H Enrollment (for youth and volunteers) begins online

**Ron Byrd moved to adjourn. Motion passed.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 8:00 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds**

Fair Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.; Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m.