

Minutes
White County Ag. Association Meeting
Tuesday, June 21st, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
4-H Building, Reynolds

Call to Order – Jeff Campbell

Directors and Educators in Attendance: Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Jeff Campbell, Chad Dahlenburg, Candis Dart, Joe Demerly, Greg DuVall, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Roger Geisler, Cindy Griffin, Matt Holderly, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, Marleta Misch, David Reiff, Alexie Schroeder, Denise Schroeder, Sara Shelton, Kim Stockment, Andy Stoll, Steffanie Warren, Adam Wasson, Andrew Westfall

Secretary's Minutes – Kim Stockment

Ron Byrd moved to approve the minutes as written. Dave Reiff seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Marleta Misch

- It was asked how many dollars we get in county funds - \$55,000
- Marleta did mention that the arena is in the whole – but that was to cover some of the painting supplies. Money was simply moved, and will be moved back as needed into the savings account.
- If you are interested in taking over the treasurers spot next year, please see Marleta

Jr. Leader Report

- Last Monday was the committee sign up, Madam Carroll fundraiser, etc.
- Will have Karlee & Shelbi work with Meredith and Farm Safety on the scavenger hunt

Committee Reports

Adopt-a-Building

- Randy F asked if the signs were up to date, and if there were any corrections.

Annual Meeting

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Antique Tractor

- Dancing tractors are back on Sunday at 4 & 6pm, over at memorial farm. They took over mowing where the Hintzman house was. Flyer was passed around and posted to facebook.
- Many were not happy about the way the garden tractors left the grounds – would ask that they are asked to keep better care in the future.

Arena

- Roger asked if the electric panel will be evaluated before the fair. Joe Demerly is going to try to address issues before the fair.

Audit/Budget

Awards

Battle of the Barns

- Roger has gotten new slides made for the Battle. Not too much of an expense, but Monon 4-H Club has offered to cover any expense. They are aluminum slides, so they are working to find a softer landing.

Booster Club

- Cindy reported that we have 5 day sponsors this year, not sure if they will have booths.
 - o Commercial needs to find a space and we need to have commercials written up for announcements.

Capital Improvement

Commercial

- Committee reported on weeks activities:
- Family Fun Zone – weeklong unlimited wristbands are \$30, available for presale during pre-fair judging, waivers must be signed for 18 & under
- Tickets for those attending one day or who wants to buy per day - \$5/5, \$20/30
 - o Friday – Veterans/Coyote Highway/Flag Raising
 - o Saturday – Purdue Night – Boiler Special Rides, Autographs with Purdue Athletes
 - o Sunday – Hot Air Balloon, Family Fun Zone
 - o Monday – Wood Carvers, Family Fun Zone, Mounted Shooting
 - o Tuesday – Peterson Brothers, Family Fun Zone
 - o Wednesday – Family Fun Zone
 - o Thursday – Fair Splash Zone Water Amusements
- Farm Safety
 - o Need to follow up with Meredith, but scavenger hunt, info points, Peterson Brothers, MAYBE impaired goggles
- Vendor contracts are rolling in, lots of food vendors, several commercial vendors

4-H Building

- Pressure washed and ready for people to come paint. Monsanto will do the painting work for volunteer hours.
- Soffit does need railed and replaced.
- Roger mentioned that the landscape is hideous...wasn't sure who was incharge, but needs to be cleaned up.
- Denise mentioned that this will be included in the Extension Office contract next year.
 - o Deb Fouch mentioned that the Extension Homemakers will try to do this as well for this year.
- Phil Hunt mentioned that CFS wants to help, so offered to spray around the fairgrounds. Denise mentioned that they can do the pad, and anything else that needs sprayed/killed.

Grounds

- Still need to have some trees removed. Powerlines are causing an issue in getting them cut down.
 - o D2 & JPS Logging/Garret Criswell & another...have been contacted already.
- Brandon Fouch said he could assist with his bucket truck, but would have to be when the leaves are gone. Would only ask for people to help clean up the brush as he's doing it.
- Andy Stoll mentioned that the mowing contract has got to be upheld and must be mowed well right before the fair.
- Sara mentioned that the water issue is resolved, but asked what path they should take to get things fixed.
 - o Jeff mentioned that when issues arise with the water, contact the extension office and they will handle it. Dave Reiff mentioned that he would serve as a quick contact to Sherrick's if needed.
 - o Jeff also noticed that there were several hydrants that need fixed, in the horse wash racks, and we will try to get them fixed before the fair.
 - Cindy Campbell made a motion that we call Sherrick's to fix it. Seconded and

passed.

Land Use & Management (Hintzman)

- Jeff brought up the house inspection to the Hintzman House.
 - o Joe Demerly suggested that the work would likely cost \$1600 for electric work.
 - o Andy Stoll suggested three options –
 - Renovate & Rent
 - Remove
 - Give to power association
 - o Ron moved to let the land committee take the inspection and get bids, then report back to the board for additional approval.
 - Phil commented about the state of renters today, and asked if we are in the renter business.
 - Stef asked what are other income producing options were, if there were any
 - Cindy Griffin commented that the house seemed tacklable.
 - Motion seconded and passed.

Livestock

- Roger Geisler brought up the horse club having a barrel racing fundraiser. He noted that there were concessions and did we get any income from the vendors. The flyer did not mention no alcohol, as well as them not paying rent, trash removal, water, etc.
 - o Mentioned that the FB page posted pictures, with kids in no helmets, not good for insurance, etc.
- Sara commented that they did the cleanup themselves (the club) and the food stand that was there kicks back to the horse & pony club...
- Kim asked how/why there are certain species clubs, and it comes down to the committee and interest. It's not a requirement.
- Joe Demerly asked if they kick back in their club to the association, but Jeff C. mentioned they are then in charge of updating/maintaining their buildings, etc.
 - o Jeff also mentioned it's used for education for the kids in that club as well.
- Roger mentioned that his biggest concern was the number of kids NOT wearing helmets, which may or may not have been in our jurisdiction, but needs to be.
- Ron thanked Roger for being the messenger...it's a hard spot, but that's our job as a board member is to share the gripes of the community.
- The question was raised that the board should perhaps set a minimum for insurance issues.
 - o Cindy C mentioned that the rental agreement covers general liability coverage. The healthcare coverage is a bit different.
 - o Andy mentioned that 2-3 years ago, this was brought to the board, and they were given minimum specifications. If they want that updated, they need to bring it to the board.

Livestock Auction

- Jeff Campbell mentioned that newspaper thank you ads went out today. They will run in the Herald Journal and News & Review post fair. Auctioneer letter & buyer letters go out next week.

Long Range Planning

Nominating

Parking/Security

Program

Queen

Sound

Waste Handling

Feasibility Study

- Cindy C mentioned that we have a meeting on the 30th to go over the next version of the design draft and the proforma.

Other

Unfinished Business

- Fair Book
 - Fair book is printed. Sara asked about edits, and Candis mentioned that it comes out of 4-H online.
 - It was suggested that the fairbook is emailed out to the board for review.
 - Kim moved to send out a pdf of the fair book two weeks in advance of printing to the entire board for review & approval. Motion seconded and passed.
- Hintzman House Repairs
 - Handled in advance.
- Other

New Business

- Annual Meeting – hold with Extension Board again in January?
 - Andy Stoll moved to move the Annual Meeting back to a restaurant. Sara Shelton is now leading the charge.
- Fair Office Sign-Up
 - Candis sent around the fair office sign up.
 - Denise suggested 10am-10pm.
 - Kim suggested 8am-10pm and signing up for 2, 2 hour shifts.
 - Ron moved to have two, two hour shifts vs. 1 4 hour shift. Motion was moved and seconded.
- Judges
 - Candis has almost all judged confirmed. She has two judges who that are outstanding. Rabbit judge has yet to get back the contract, but he's confirmed.
 - Candis also commented on the process – judges are invited by letters, so it's a bit of a wait and see game.
- Fair Cleanup – Friday, July 29th, 8 a.m. – Breakfast provided by Co-Alliance
 - Candis strongly encouraged everyone to come, including families to help make light work of the job.

- Fairgrounds Lighting
 - Ron was approached by someone from Nipsco that rebate money was available for changing out lightbulbs.
 - There are only 8 electricians that are approved through the grant process. George Contell from Demotte is the closest option.
 - There was a bit of a discrepancy on what grant monies were available, inside, outside, etc. Ron had to submit the grant in the middle of the bid process.
 - NIPSCO has already approved \$26,000 in grant funds to do \$56,000 worth of work.
 - 330 bulbs in the barns (goat, beef, sheep, food court, etc) – screw in bulbs. - \$27/piece + \$2 charge = \$29/bulb (\$23 is covered by grant)
 - 5 wallpack units – mostly on the side of the 4-H building \$325 for the light, \$75 to install = \$100 from grant
 - 41 lights to replace the mercury lights on the poles around the grounds - \$541 light + \$150 labor = grant \$200 per pole
 - 14 lights around the horse arena - \$775 light + \$150 install = \$600 in grant money back
 - Cost factor to change just the fluorescents, a different type of grant.
 - Savings in energy from this project is \$7200 per year.
 - Andy asked during what usage – which George pulled off the electric bill
 - \$7236 to pay back the \$30, 238 is 4.18 years to payback the change to LED bulbs.
 - Ron confirmed we do not have to do every bulb as suggested, that we could pick and choose which bulbs were replaced.
 - Scott Griffin asked how they could tell from our electrical usage based on the bill. Roger agreed.
 - Chad asked about assessing what lights are used year round. That’s where we are going to realize our greatest savings.
 - Andy Stoll suggested that not all lights are used all year round, so we need to be cautious on their algorithms that calculate use.
 - Phil suggested checking with the County and if the commissioners agree, we go forward.
 - It was also suggested to check with Mike Smolek about covering the difference as well.
 - Dave Reiff moved that if we can find alternative funds from the commissioner, Cass Township, etc....that we move forward. Seconded.
 - Chad asked that we still do a cost savings for year round.....
 - Motion was seconded and passed.

- Other
 - Randy asked about road signs – we asked to postpone to next year.
 - Kim asked about chip’n’séal to fill in the holes. Jeff C said he would contact County to fix things up.
 - Ron Byrd asked about who is going off the board:
 - Big Creek – Adam Wasson & Matt Holderly – filling in, can both jump into a term of their own.
 - Cass Township – Chad Dahlenburg – can start second term & Greg
 - Honey Creek – Jeff & Cindy are finishing out first, eligible to start

second term.

- Deb Foutch mentioned the Color Splash & Cooking contest.
- Candis mentioned that we have two members who are seniors but not actual 10 year members.
 - If they pay fees, but don't actually complete a project, they are still "good".
- Randy moved to make them 10 year members since we didn't know the situation. Seconded.
 - Discussion went on about meeting deadlines.
 - Ron Byrd called for question.
 - Motion was closed. Hand voted: Motion Failed 5-7.
- Phil made a motion to keep the members as 9 year members. Motion was seconded and passed.

Upcoming Dates

- ♦ June 25th – 4-H Livestock Workshop and PQA
- ♦ July 1st – Deadline for All Animals (Livestock, Rabbits, Poultry, Cats, Dogs, Small Animals) to be entered online in FairEntry at <http://whitecountyindiana.fairentry.com>
- ♦ July 1st – All Animal project Educational Activities/Manuals and Record Sheets (where required) due to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ July 5th, 7:00 p.m. – All Fair Committees Meeting
- ♦ July 15th – Creative Writing Projects due in Extension Office by 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ July 15th – Creative Writing, Building Projects, Sewing, Fashion Revue, and Tractor entries due in FairEntry

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, July 18th, 2016, 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds
Building set-up at 6:00 p.m.; Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.