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White County Agricultural Association Meeting Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 7:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present – Suzette Alma, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Andrea Cole, Joe Demerly, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Roger Geisler, Cindy Griffin, Mark Helms, Marleta Misch, Denise Schroeder, Sara Shelton, and Andrew Westfall.

Absent – Chad Dahlenburg, Brandon Foutch, Rodney Hall, Matt Holderly, Joann Hoyt, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, David Reiff, Kim Stockment, Andy Stoll, Steffanie Warren, Adam Wasson, and Junior Leader Representative.

Guests Present – Jan Faker, Deb Foutch, John Gooding, Keith Snowberger, and Don Wright.

Welcome and Call to Order – Randy Freshour, President

Secretary's Minutes - On a motion by Ron Byrd and seconded by Joe Demerly, the minutes of the March 21, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Griffin presented the treasurer's report and stated booster club donations are still coming in although the amount received so far is about \$21,000 less than the total received last year. Some expenses for the new campsites were charged to the house-rent account, but these charges will be reversed and charged to the infrastructure account. Sara Shelton moved to combine the house-rent and septic system-house accounts into a new account entitled campground fund. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed. The report will stand until the audit is complete.

Jr. Leader Report – Per Andrea Cole, 20 junior leaders worked at the Food Pantry in March, and some will be going to a game night in Carroll County on April 21st.

4-H Enrollment Update – Andrea Cole reported Extension staff continues to work on clearing the members in pending status.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds**
 - **Memorial Farm** – Per Don Wright, the Antique Power Association has begun working on the fence, will plant corn soon, and will level the ground and plant grass on the former house site.

- **Mowing** – Per Ron Byrd, the mowing contract does not include the Memorial Farm which the Antique Power Association mows; however, they will not mow the campground area. Ron suggested the contract, which expires in 2018, may need to be changed to accommodate this. Randy Freshour agreed to contact Keesling, mowing contractor, to see how much the additional charge would be for the campground. Ron moved to authorize Randy to make an executive decision on this if the additional cost is within reason. Cindy Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mark Helms also noted the areas around the camping pedestals will need to be weed-eaten or sprayed before the fair.
- **Water Upgrades** – There appear to be some discrepancies between the Town of Reynolds' and the Board's expectations for this project as well as questions about the supplies that have been purchased and how to pay for them since costs have already exceeded the allocated amount of \$20,000. Luke Furrer has reviewed some invoices and believes some materials may be extra and could possibly be returned. Randy Freshour and Luke offered to meet with Chad Dahlenburg and Town officials to see what can be done to keep this project moving along efficiently and cost-effectively while Chad and other members of the Grounds Committee are in the fields.
 Per Denise Schroeder, the Fairgrounds is rented the last weekend in April for a mini horse show, and the leak by the horse barn needs to be repaired so there will be water and restrooms for this event. Randy Freshour will ask Segal's or Howard Excavating to dig up the area to be repaired and ask Scheurich's to do the actual repair. Luke Furrer moved to authorize Randy to use his best judgment to get the leak at the horse barn repaired. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed. Cindy Griffin reported the March water bill was over \$900 due to more than 41,000 gallons of water which had leaked at the horse barn and beef barn (capped prior to the meeting). Normally the Extension Office pays the March water bill, but this one has been turned into the Ag Association. There were several questions about this amount and the average water bill amount.
 Per Denise Schroeder, a quote for approximately \$19,000 to straighten Fairgrounds Road has been received from Xtreme Contractors and Segal's. Joe Demerly offered to get a quote from Ross Hardebeck. Any proposed changes will have to go through Area Planning for approval.
- **Stage** – Jan Faker expressed concerns that the stage project may not be done by the Fair. Joe Demerly suggested moving the whole structure to the east since no work has begun. As for naming the new stage, there are no restrictions on the bequest; however, Paul Tam prefers that it be named after the Tam family. Naming will be discussed again at a later meeting.

- **Event**
 - **Commercial** – Per Sara Shelton, emails have been sent to vendors in hopes of getting more signed up.
 - **Entertainment** – The Committee continues to book acts. Kim Stockment has been researching a 9/11 traveling exhibit which could be booked for 4 days for \$10,000 with possible funding assistance from fire departments, libraries, service organizations, etc. All agreed this is worth further consideration. No new information about the tractor simulator was available.
 - **Sound** – Kim Stockment has been in contact with Apple Sound Productions, and a new contract has been signed.

- **Development – No Report Available**

- **4-H Programming**
 - **Trips and Awards** – Per Suzette Alma, the Trips and Awards Committee met on April 10th and chose the two recipients of this year’s Farm Bureau Tenure Awards. She also reminded members to submit their nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award to either her or Cindy Campbell by May 1st.
 - **Goat Barn/Beef Barn Expansion** – The new joint committee met on April 13th, and Suzette reported several ideas were discussed. The committee has some issues to research before meeting again.

Unfinished Business

- **Building Contract** – A draft of the building contract was presented to the Board, but it did not include all the changes recommended at the January meeting, and the fee schedule did not include increased fees for rentals with liquor. The Board discussed and agreed to an updated fee schedule. Ron Byrd moved to adopt the building contract as amended with the changes proposed in January and the updated fee schedule. Suzette Alma seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Constitution and Bylaws** – As two-thirds of the members were not present to vote on the proposed changes, the issue was tabled until the May meeting.
- **Camping Guidelines** – Mark Helms is drafting new camping guidelines, including registration procedures, security, etc., and will bring a complete proposal to the May meeting. If any members have suggestions, they should contact him before then. Mark moved that campground rental income be deposited into the new campground fund account. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business

- **Move Bleachers and End Gates from Arena** – Randy Freshour will take care of this.
- **Fair Book** – A draft of the activities schedule portion of the Fair Book was distributed. Andrea Cole asked members to review the draft and email her with any changes.

Moving swine showmanship to Sunday of the Fair precipitated several other changes which were discussed.

- **Multipurpose Building Use Survey** – Per Denise Schroeder, elected officials believe the Board needs to understand the demand for this space once built. To that end, Denise distributed a survey with a variety of uses listed and asked members to rank the uses and leave the completed surveys.
- **Donation to NAE4-HA for National Conference** – Indiana is hosting the 2017 convention for the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, and Andrea Cole asked if the Board would like to donate to the event. Ron Byrd moved to donate \$250 out of the auction account. Cindy Campbell seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Fireworks, Campfires, Golf Carts** – These topics were tabled until the May meeting.
- **Other**
 - **Requests from Goat Committee** – Per Cindy Campbell, the Goat Committee would like to request \$5000 from the goat barn account to purchase additional pens which will be needed whether the barn is expanded or not. The total quote is approximately \$5600. The Goat Club will pay the remainder. Ron Byrd moved to allocate \$5000 from the goat barn account for this purchase. Sara Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Goat Committee is requesting two tents measuring 40' X 60' each this year, and John Gooding stated this will be the first year there will be more animals in tents than in the barn. Cindy asked the Grounds Committee to address the drainage issue on the eastern end of the goat barn as there was water in pens in the tent after just one rainstorm last year.
 - **Thank You Note** – Andrea Cole read a thank you note from Dustin Blume for the Board's sponsorship of half of his fee for the 4-H Engineering Academy.
 - **Un-sponsored Awards** – A list of 2017 Booster Club un-sponsored awards was distributed.
 - **Flow Chart** – Denise Schroeder distributed a flow chart indicating how authority, funds, and duties flow down from Purdue University to local 4-H leaders.

Upcoming Events – Randy Freshour reminded the Board about important upcoming 4-H events and deadlines.

4-H News and Announcements - Cindy Campbell reported the Princeton Cavaliers were doing a service project at Harvest Call in Wolcott and reminded directors to share information about upcoming 4-H club events.

Adjourn – Mark Helms moved to adjourn, and Cindy Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.