

MINUTES

White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, August 5, 2020 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present – Baily Tanner, Chad Dahlenburg, Cindy Campbell, Luke Furrer, Bob Oliver, Rodney Hornback, Betty Kelly, Bryan Gretencord, Randy Freshour, Vivian Hornback, Rodney Hall, April Hall, Kyle Arvin, Trent Hall, Samantha Foutch, John Gooding, Andrew Westfall, Denise Schroeder, Jared Baer and Miranda Furrer

Not Present – Deb Foutch, Cindy Griffin, Kevin Kelley, Jon Tebo, Suzette Alma, Jr. Leader Representative, Jeremy Lemming and Sam Pinkerton

The fair evaluation meeting was held prior to the scheduled Ag Association meeting.

Call to Order – Luke Furrer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:44pm.

Secretary's Minutes – On a motion by Betty Kelly and seconded by Jared Baer, the minutes from the July 1, 2020, meeting were approved as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Kelley was not present to report. A copy of the treasurer's report was brought to the meeting by April Hall and copies were provided to everyone. On a motion by Randy Freshour and seconded by Trent Hall, the Treasurer's report was approved. The motion passed.

Jr. Leader Report – Miranda reported the group has taken a pause on things in August and they will begin to re-evaluate in September.

4-H Enrollment Update – Miranda was present to report. Pictures for virtual State Fair projects (building projects) were sent in. Miranda is going to begin exploring what events will be able to take place in the Fall. She mentioned the probability of clubs having to propose a safety plan for their meetings, but Miranda would keep in contact with the club leaders about those expectations. Miranda shared a plan to help recognize the 10 year 4-H members next week. They were able to get the Frosty Freeze trailer lined up and it will be present at the fairgrounds next Thursday from 6-8pm. 10 year members are able to get a free sundae and their blankets would also be passed out at that time. 4-H enrollment will open back up on October 1, 2020.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds** – Trent Hall was present to report.
 - **Trees** – Trent talked about dead limbs that might need to be cut out/down moving forward. There was discussion about taking trees out by the poultry

barn as they are continually a problem. There was also discussion about an arborist report from the forestry specialist at Purdue that was completed in 2015. This report shared that these dead limbs need cut out and there wasn't much information/discussion about the need to take down the whole tree. Luke discussed the possibility of finding individuals who would donate equipment necessary to complete some tree trimming. This brought up discussion about how you control where the limbs fall. Luke said he and Brandon Foutch previously did some work and used equipment to hook onto limbs to help monitor where they would fall. Luke said he would be willing to bring his crane in to help with this. Luke talked to Dave Rosenbarger who would donate his stump grinder as well. There was some discussion about the need to get another arborist report completed, but it was determined there were some checklist items that have not yet been completed on that list. Andrew suggested getting some items on that list from 2015 cleaned up before having someone come in to look at things again.

- **Siding** – Trent reported some siding/fascia was bent on the front of the bathroom west of the Pork Producers. Trent said he would get it taken care of, but wanted to bring the information to the board.
- **Paul's Contract** – Trent provided a copy of Paul's custodial contract for members to review. There was a change in wording to add the word "checked" in the sentence "building to be **checked**" as it was missing. Luke discussed the idea of moving forward with approving the pay increase tonight unless everyone was okay with approving the contract as a whole and moving forward. Trent said he would be able to change the wording if the contract was approved. There was also discussion about having an "effective date", and it was suggested having the effective date as August 1, 2020. Cindy Campbell made a motion to approve the contract and new pay structure, effective August 1, 2020. John Gooding presented a question about information regarding termination. Trent said this was on the old contract and he could easily move that to the new contract. Trent will add the termination clause to the new contract. This was seconded by April Hall. The motion passed.
- **Landscaping** – Trent talked about a few quotes he received for landscaping around the Extension building. Travis Clark and Andy Lanoue presented a quote for \$10,000 which included curbing by Andy Lanoue. This brought up discussion about what the actual maintenance fee would be. Luke discussed the idea of having a three year contract so the initial cost would be higher, but the years after it would just be a maintenance cost. Discussion was had regarding what the board actually wants to see out there. Someone presented the idea of having stone and creating something simple. Jared Baer suggested reaching out to the Sheriff's Department about having inmates come in and clean things up. Luke then discussed that we could have someone complete the initial work of getting things cleaned up and then we could look at using the inmates in the years to come for maintenance.

- **Gutters** – Trent contacted Leaf Guard and they initially said they would not be able to get out until August 15, 2020, to provide a quote. The CEO contacted Trent and said he would be there tomorrow to complete the estimate. The CEO would also like to come to the September meeting to answer any questions and have a display to show the product. This was determined to be a different route than what Suzette provided at a prior meeting. Andrew asked that he receive a quote for anything regarding the Extension side as he would need to keep the cost separated.
- **Event** – April Hall was present and had nothing new to report.
- **Development** – Cindy Campbell was present to report. Cindy brought up the discussion had previously regarding committee's roles and responsibilities. Cindy and John Gooding have been working on this and they have completed the first draft. This information will be provided to the board in order to begin approving and voting on the changes at the upcoming meetings.
 - **Nominating** – Chad and Cindy will be terming out this year, and Jeremy Lemming will be leaving the board due to work requirements. There was also possibility of another position opening up, but Cindy did not have confirmation of this at the meeting. The following townships will need filled at this time: Cass (1), Honeycreek (1) and West Point (1). Advertising on Facebook regarding these vacancies will be happening within the next week. Elections of new officers will be taking place at the September meeting, but new officers/committee chairs won't assume their roles until January 1, 2021.
- **4-H Programming** – Suzette Alma was not present to report. Miranda said the only thing she was aware of was the "Senior sendoff" next week scheduled for the ten year members.

Unfinished Business:

- **Drainage/Water Lines** – Luke reported this is something being looked into. They will be looking for quotes for tiling and water line work. Chad brought up a question about the plan moving forward with the water lines and the potential of working with the town. Luke said it would be best to plan a grounds committee meeting to discuss options.
- **Campground Restrooms** – Luke has been talking with Trent about this project. The quote from Titan came in a little higher than what they are comfortable spending. Trent and Luke are going to start reaching out to local construction companies/groups, electricians, plumbers, etc. to see what other options/plans are available to help reduce costs. Luke asked Cindy Campbell about the grant process. Cindy said the financial reports would be too old at this point and new ones would need to be completed. Once those reports are completed, then they would need full plans of the project.

- **Memorial Benches/Adopt-A-Spot** – Suzette has been working on these projects and was not present to report any new information. It was discussed Suzette has created a map to identify these available spots. There was some discussion about identifying what can/cannot be planted in the adopt-a-spot areas. Cindy suggested having clear expectations of what needs completed for maintenance, etc. for these spots. Bryan Gretencord brought up a question about the flag pole area. He reported the Princeton Cavaliers or his family personally will be replacing the benches in that area. This area was previously maintained by Round Grove, but they have since disbanded. Bryan said he wanted to see what the standards for benches would be for the rest of the fairgrounds before they did anything further. Luke said he would follow-up with Suzette about the current plan for benches so we can begin moving forward with this project.

Other

- **White County Reserve** – Jared brought up a question about a check needed for the White County Reserve program for helping with coverage at the fair. It was determined there was no decision at the last meeting about where this money should come from. Jared is going to provide information to Luke about who this money needs to go to and Luke will reach out to Kevin about getting this completed.
- **EMTs** – Chad is going to reach out to see what the pricing will be for the EMTs presence at the fair and a timesheet of when they were there. There was discussion that EMTs were not present every day at the fair.
- **Beef Barn** – Randy brought up discussion about some things on the Beef barn that need cleaned up/fixes. Miranda and Trent reported the Beef Barn had someone lined up to come and fix the barn, but then they didn't show up right before the fair. Craig Byroad has talked to Kevin about how they should move forward with getting things taken care of as they have the money available. Craig has also been communicating with Trent about what needs to be done in order to move forward with fixing things and whether or not they need to come to the board for anything. Luke suggested coming to the board with any plans to keep everyone in the loop. Cindy Campbell said if it was something that would be done before the September 2nd, then an email would be sufficient to help communicate the plan to the board.
- **Horse Barn** – Luke complimented the horse barn and the work their committee did to get their barns cleaned up.

Upcoming Dates

- **Wednesday, September 2nd – all 4-H fair exhibit committees meeting at 7pm**
- **Monday, September 14th – Junior Leader call out at 6:30pm**
- **2020-2021 4-H enrollment begins October 1st**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 2nd at 8pm, 4-H building, Reynolds
Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

