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White County Agricultural Association Meeting Tuesday, August 20, 2019 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present --Cindy Griffin, Vivian Hornback, Luke Furrer, Kevin Kelley, Andrew Westfall, Julie Williams, Mark Helms, Jon Tebo, Marleta Misch, Chad Dahlenburg, Brandon Bell, Rodney Hornback, Rodney Hall, April Hall, Bill Geisler, Joe Demerly, Trent Hall, Miranda Furrer and Denise Schroeder.

Absent – Cindy Campbell, Laura Chapman, Sara Shelton, Samantha Foutch, Brandon Foutch, Phil Hunt, Baily Tanner and Suzette Alma.

Guests Present – Deb Foutch, Scott Griffin, Chris Springer and Roberta Yerk

Call to Order – Joe Demerly, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Secretary's Minutes – No discussion. On a motion by Luke Furrer and seconded by Trent Hall, the minutes of the July 8, 2019, meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report was presented by Kevin Kelley. There was a motion from Jon Tebo to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Julie Williams. The motion passed.

Jr. Leader Report – The Jr. Leader Representative was not present due to being in college. Miranda was present to report on the upcoming Jr. Leader call-out on September 9, 2019.

4-H Enrollment Update – Miranda Furrer was present to discuss. Miranda discussed upcoming events and things she has been working on. Miranda is planning to have an open enrollment night to invite people to come and work through the enrollment process. Miranda, staff and club members will be present to help and answer any questions. Miranda is also going to invite Ag. Association members to help and projects will be displayed for people to look at. Flyers will be made to take to schools and posts made to social media to help promote this event. There will be a 4-H Leadership event in November on the 16th in Carmel, IN. Miranda encouraged anyone who was interested to reach out to her.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds** – Brandon Foutch was not present to report on this.
- **Event** – Sara Shelton was not present to report on this. April Hall will be transitioning into this position for 2020. April discussed how she visited a couple of fairs, was able to develop some ideas and get contact information.

- **Development** – Cindy Campbell was not present to report.
- **4-H Programming** – Suzette Alma was not present to report.

Unfinished Business

- **Water Lines** – Joe discussed how this project is “still a work in progress”. They are working on getting quotes, bids and ideas. Joe hopes to have something to present at the next meeting.
 - **County Commissioners** – Mark discussed getting a group together to approach the County Commissioners about working together to fix the drainage issues at the fair as the County Highway Department moves to their new location. Luke suggested having the grounds committee approach the County Commissioners. Mark said he would look to see who would be the best point of contact.

New Business

- **4-H Building Gutters** – Miranda discussed this. She commented about a downspout missing and what would need to be done to replace that. Joe discussed bringing a couple of quotes for someone to fix the gutters. This brought up discussion regarding fixing some other areas of the building such as the janitor’s closet, North door, and other minor repairs.
- **Landscaping** – There was discussion regarding the landscaping around the building and how it needs some attention. April suggested getting rid of everything in the landscaping area and planting some grass so it would be less maintenance. Joe was going to get with Suzette and Brandon to see if there has been any more discussion/ideas regarding the landscaping.
- **Piano Repair** – Miranda discussed the two pianos located in the other end of the building. They are out of tune, can’t move them without scratching the floor, etc. Miranda would like to try and grow the music program within 4-H and be able to utilize those in other ways. Miranda was going to look into finding someone who might be able to help fix the pianos.
- **New Officers** – Cindy Griffin discussed how everyone should be thinking about potential new officers to discuss at the next meeting because that will be voted on in September.

Other:

- **EMA** – Chris Springer and Roberta Yerk were present from the EMA to introduce themselves, discuss what they are able to offer and some changes that have been made in their department. The main focus of their agency is related to Homeland Security. The goal for year 2020 is for EMA to connect with the Ag. Association/ Fair to discuss goals for events and how they can help.

- **Antique Power Association** – There was some conversation from Joe regarding what the process is for someone wanting to rent the building in the antique tractor area. It was discussed having someone reach out to Don Wright to see if there were any events going on before renting the building out to someone.
- **Grounds Director** – Chad discussed the possibility of having a paid, full-time position that would be maintenance for the building as well as the fairgrounds. This individual would be in charge year round and would be responsible for maintenance, helping with anything needed for rentals, etc. Joe encouraged members to think about this idea.
- **Arenas** – Joe discussed this as someone had reached out to Cindy Campbell. There was a question regarding having the arenas open year round to be available to rent. There was discussion regarding insurance and liability options if this were to occur.

Upcoming Dates –

- **Wednesday, September 4th – All 4-H Fair Exhibit Committees meeting at 7:00pm**
- **Monday, September 9th – Junior Leader Call Out at 6:30pm**
- **2019-2020 4-H Enrollment begins October 1st**
- **Open Enrollment Nights – October 9th and November 14th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 4th at 8:00pm

Adjourn – On a motion by Julie Williams and seconded by Trent Hall, the meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.