

MINUTES

White County Agricultural Association Meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 7:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Present – Suzette Alma, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Laura Chapman, Andrea Cole, Chad Dahlenburg, Joe Demerly, Brandon Foutch, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Cindy Griffin, Rodney Hall, Mark Helms, Marleta Misch, Kena Phimmasen (Junior Leader Representative), Denise Schroeder, Sara Shelton, Baily Tanner, and Andrew Westfall.

Absent – Bill Geisler, Joann Hoyt, Phil Hunt, Kevin Kelley, Amara Sanders, Jon Tebo, and Steffanie Warren.

Guests Present – Deb Foutch and Scott Griffin.

Call to Order – Randy Freshour, President, called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Minutes – On a motion by Joe Demerly and seconded by Suzette Alma, the minutes of the November 15, 2017 and January 20, 2018 meetings were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Griffin reported an audit letter had been received from accountant Sue Peppers in which she stated all is satisfactory. The audit covered the period from January 1 – May 31, 2017. On a motion by Cindy Campbell and seconded by Joe Demerly, all treasurer's reports from January 1 – May 31, 2017 were approved as presented. All treasurer's reports since that date will stand until audited. Per Cindy Griffin, the deadline for Booster Club donations has been extended to March 15th as the forms have not been mailed yet.

Jr. Leader Report – Kena Phimmasent, Jr. Leader President, stated the February 5th meeting was canceled due to weather and rescheduled for February 19th.

4-H Enrollment Update – Andrea Cole reminded everyone to enroll as volunteers and complete the minors training if it is due. She will bring a list to the March meeting of everyone who still needs to enroll and/or complete the minors training.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds – Chad Dahlenburg**
 - **Water Lines** – Segal's is waiting for a break in the weather to complete the water line work.

- **Goat Barn Expansion** – Per Luke Furrer, FBI is ready to begin construction, but an issue with the new water line must be resolved first. The water line is very close to the new barn, and the Town of Reynolds will not allow the building to go over the line. Since they are unsure where the line is located, Accu-Dig is coming on February 8th to locate the line. If the Town Water Superintendent is comfortable with the location, the project may move forward. Otherwise, the situation will have to be reassessed with the Goat Committee. To keep the project moving along, Chad Dahlenburg moved that the Goat Committee be allowed to make changes that will not increase the footprint of the expansion if the Executive Committee approves them. Suzette Alma seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - **Possible Grant for New Restroom** – Cindy Campbell reached out to the President/CEO of North Central Health Services who put her in contact with their Director of Community Benefit Grantmaking regarding a possible grant to build a restroom/storm shelter on the Memorial Farm similar to the one by the Pork Producers, which was also constructed with the assistance of NCHS. The Ag Association is an eligible organization, and the project would be eligible as well. The first step in the application process is a Letter of Inquiry, but before submitting that, precise building plans with costs and a complete financial compilation review or audit should be acquired. Cindy will be the point person and work with Cindy Griffin and Chad Dahlenburg to obtain the required documentation.
 - **Security Light Problems** – Per Joe Demerly, some of the security lights are strobing. Ron Byrd will get them checked.
- **Event – Sara Shelton – Nothing to Report**
 - **Development – (Currently No Chair) - No Report Available**
 - **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma – Nothing to Report**

Unfinished Business

- **Constitution and Bylaws** – Joe Demerly moved to progress to a second reading in March. Brandon Foutch seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Commercial Building** – The discussion was tabled until the March meeting.
- **Vice President Election** – Joe Demerly was elected Vice President.
- **Jackson Township Position** – Per Ron Byrd, a couple people in Jackson Township, as well as an individual in another township, were approached regarding the position, and all declined. Ron moved to table the issue until the March meeting to allow time to advertise the opening on Facebook and the website. Luke Furrer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Election of Committee Chairs** – The following directors were elected as committee chairs by their respective committees.
 - **Grounds** – Luke Furrer
 - **Event** – Sara Shelton
 - **Development** – Kevin Kelley
 - **4-H Programming** – Suzette Alma
- **Custodian Contract/Digital Lock** – Randy Freshour reported the custodian contract had been updated and asked if it should be written as an annual contract. Ron Byrd moved to approve an annual contract. Sara Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed. Joe Demerly contacted Mulhaupt's regarding a digital lock system. There are many options for hardware and software access. They estimated approximately \$1100 for parts with an additional fee to come here and an hourly labor fee. Sara Shelton moved to allow Joe to proceed and allocate up to \$2000 from the farm land fund. Suzette Alma seconded the motion. After some discussion, Sara amended the motion to allow Joe to proceed and allocate up to \$2000 from the Tam fund. Suzette seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Gutters on 4-H Building** – No bids have been received because the contractors require clarification on what exactly is needed. Cindy Campbell moved to authorize the Grounds Committee to develop bid specifications and solicit bids. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Security During Fair** – Per Mark Helms, good security personnel will require about \$20 - \$25 per hour, and he knows some people who would be good candidates. These individuals would not be Sheriff's deputies. He suggested possible shifts of 3 - 11 pm or 4 - 10 pm during the Fair. Hiring security personnel will alleviate the pressure from directors to police behavior on the grounds. Mark suggested that each director bring a suggested list of rules to be enforced to the March meeting, and an overall list will be developed from those suggestions and approved by the Board at a later meeting. Once the list is created, he will approach some individuals regarding the job.

New Business

- **Sheep Pens** – Cindy Campbell reported the Sheep Committee has raised funds to replace the pens in their barn and are requesting an allocation for the down payment. Cindy Griffin confirmed all the funds for both the down payment and the final payment have been received. Cindy Campbell moved to allocate funds for the down payment for the new pens from the sheep barn account. Mark Helms seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Hailey Hall – Table and Chairs Rental (August 25th)** – Hailey Hall has requested to rent tables and chairs for her wedding which will be held elsewhere. Ron Byrd moved to allow the rental for a \$100 deposit only. Sara Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Other**
 - **Mowing Contract** – Several people have picked up copies of the mowing contract. Bids are due March 5th.
 - **Air Flow in Arena** – Joe Demerly and Mark Helms have been discussing the air flow problems in the arena and possible ways to improve it. They will research equipment, costs, power needs, etc. and report back to the Board at a later meeting.
 - **Ticket Booth from Gran Prix** – Randy Freshour was contacted by Adam Gooding, former White County 4-H'er and Purdue student, regarding a ticket booth from the Gran Prix which is being replaced. There will probably be no fee for the booth, but the Board will have to transport it. The Board agreed by consensus to pursue this, and Randy will follow up on it.
 - **Gateway 4-H Program** – Cindy Campbell provided an update on the new gateway 4-H club program at Tri-County Intermediate School. Enrollment forms have been submitted, and veterinary science, creative writing, and photography have been offered as project options. She will attend club meetings at least twice a month to help.

Upcoming Dates – Randy Freshour reminded directors to review the upcoming dates listed on the agenda.

4-H News and Announcements – Cindy Campbell mentioned the following 4-H club events and reminded directors to attend club events when possible. These events will also be advertised on Facebook and the website.

- Prairie 4-H Club Bake Sale, Frontier High School, Friday 2/23, 5:00 – 8:00 pm
- Liberty 4-H Club Soup Supper, Buffalo Fire Station, Saturday 2/24, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
- Honey Creek 4-H Club Tip Night, Pizza Hut, Monday 3/5, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Adjourn – Sara Shelton moved to adjourn, and Suzette Alma seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.