

MINUTES

White County Agricultural Association Meeting Saturday, January 11, 2020 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Work Session – A work session was held at 9:00am. An introduction of members and officers was completed as well as discussion regarding committees and expectations of members. A break out session for committees occurred later in the session followed by a lunch. The Ag Association meeting was held at the conclusion of the work session/lunch.

Present – Baily Tanner, Sam Pinkerton, Chad Dahlenburg, Suzette Alma, Cindy Campbell, Luke Furrer, Bob Oliver, Rodney Hornback, Betty Kelly, Bryan Gretencord, Randy Freshour, Cindy Griffin, Vivian Hornback, Rodney Hall, April Hall, Kyle Arvin, Trent Hall, Samantha Foutch, Kevin Kelley, John Gooding, Deb Foutch, Jeremy Lemming Jared Baer, Andrew Westfall and Denise Schroeder

Absent – Jon Tebo

Guests Present: Sara Shelton

Call to Order – Luke Furrer, President, called the meeting to order at 12pm.

Secretary's Minutes – On a motion by Suzette Alma and seconded by Trent Hall, the minutes of the November 6, 2019, meeting were approved as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Kelley was present to report. Kevin went through and discussed funds, expenses and budget for 2020. There was some discussion regarding the budget and how those numbers were determined. Kevin went through and discussed the different reports as well as different accounts and their totals. There was a question regarding how much money was donated back to the Swine barn. Kevin said he needs to look at another file to pull that information. It was then asked how you make sure the money gets to the right barn, fund, etc. when a member donates certain amount of money from the auction. In the past, Cindy Griffin obtained appropriate paperwork from the office to input this into the system. Kevin commented that this is something that cannot be pulled electronically, but has to be put in manually by typing it in. Kevin said this is something he would work on before the next meeting. There was discussion regarding the Community Foundation. Each year, the Ag Association votes to collect that money or re-invest it and keep drawing interest. The current amount in the Community Foundation is \$2,367. A motion was made by Randy Freshour to re-invest the money. This was seconded by Cindy Griffin. The motion passed.

The 2020 budget was further discussed. Cindy Griffin, Cindy Campbell and Kevin Kelley met to develop the 2020 budget. There was a question regarding the increase in the general fund. The increase was reported to be due to building additions and increase in insurance.

Cindy Campbell commented there use to be more categories and the group worked to try and clean up the accounts to create less of them. Last year's budget had more line items and they worked to consolidate them for 2020. A motion was made by Suzette Alma to adopt the 2020 budget. This was seconded by Trent Hall. The motion passed.

4-H Enrollment Update – Miranda Furrer was present to report. There was no Jr. Leader report at this meeting. Miranda shared they did not elect a direct representative to attend each meeting, but they are looking at having different Jr. Leader members attend the meetings throughout the year. Miranda reminded members about the January 15th deadline for online enrollment. At this point there were a little over 300 members signed up for 4-H. Next week there will be a leaders meeting. A growing leaders workshop is coming up on February 1, 2020, in Lafayette. There will be a swine workshop on March 14th at the 4-H building.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds** – Trent Hall was present to report. Trent didn't have much new information to report and the committee met during the breakout portion of the work session prior to the meeting. Luke talked about his conversations with Titan regarding the bathrooms in the campground area. The restrooms will also be designed to be a storm shelter. Titan is going to provide two different quotes for two different types of structures. They should have the quotes to Luke by the February meeting. The hope was to have this completed by the 2020 fair, but they are still waiting on possibly obtaining some kind of grant money to help with the cost. There was discussion regarding where the restrooms would be located. It was discussed having the restrooms placed beyond the wooded area. Randy Freshour suggested putting the restrooms at the front of the campground. Luke said the placement is something that can be discussed at a later time.
 - **Landscaping** – Landscaping around the building was discussed. This is something mentioned in a prior meeting. Suzette signed up on the grounds committee to help with this and discussed reaching out to Joe Demerly. There was discussion of having Adam Wasson complete the project, and Luke suggested obtaining bids from other companies.
 - **Other** – There was discussion brought up regarding clearing the brush, dead trees, etc. by the railroad tracks. Trent said he would have more to report as his committee finds out more information on a plan and who can help. The mowing contract was also discussed and it was determined the contract is good through this year. The copy of the custodial contract was passed around. The contract was revamped in 2019, and the contract has not been signed and/or returned. The contract for the custodian is an annual contract. There was discussion regarding splitting up the contract and having someone in charge for the week of the fair, and then having someone else cover the rest of the year.

- **Event** – April Hall was present to report.
 - **Denim and Diamonds** – Sara Shelton was present to report and is in charge of the Denim and Diamonds event. Sara described this event to be an adult prom and it is a fundraising event to help raise money for the fair. This year a DJ has volunteered to provide his services for free. WMRS is providing advertisement as well. Kevin and Sara will be getting together to complete the application for a temporary liquor license. Security is in place to be at the event the entire time, and they will also be donating their time. Sara is working on setting up a silent auction as well. Bob Oliver will be providing food again this year. Tickets are being sold for \$20/ticket and this will be a 21 and over event. Sara is also looking at selling tables with advertisement as well to help raise more money. The event will be taking place on March 7, 2020 at the Reynolds gym.
 - **Vendors:** Emails have been sent out to vendors
 - **Camping:** There was discussion regarding what would be charged for non-fair camping. Chad discussed someone reaching out to him from the windmill project and needing somewhere to stay. There was discussion having the committee come up with a proposal including cost, trash, mowing, etc.
 - **Advertising:** If anyone has any ideas for advertising ideas, then reach out to April. April is going to make some calls to K105 to see about advertising with them as well.
 - **Other:** April mentioned gift matching with larger companies. If someone was familiar with this or worked for a company that participated in this, then April asked that they reach out to her or provide more information. Sign painting will also be another fundraising opportunity the committee will continue to utilize for the upcoming year.
 - **Entertainment:** April has talked with the schools about helping make more yard games as well as photography props to set around the fair. Stage entertainment is going well and there is one night left to fill.

- **Development** – Cindy Campbell was present to report.
 - **Sponsor Management:** The committee is almost to the point of getting the packets together. The labels will then be printed, and envelopes will be stuffed and mailed out by the end of the month.
 - **Administration:** The budget was presented today. The committee is continuing to work on club audits. Cindy asked Kevin to reach out to Lambert and Lanoue about completing the second report for 2019.
 - **Marketing:** Cindy discussed the website for new members who did not know about it. The website is whitecoag.org and can be utilized for an abundance of information.

- **4-H Programming** – Suzette Alma was present to report.
 - **Ultimate Showmanship:** A sign has been ordered for the arena to display all past and future winners.
 - **Battle of the Barns:** The committee met and discussed suggestions presented at the end of the fair. They discussed allowing the barns to have more than one team if needed; however, they would still compete against each other during the event. There was also discussion regarding having an alumni team and an Ag Association Team. Randy suggested having a sign made to display past battle of the barns winners as well.
 - **Trips and Awards:** A meeting will be set up soon to plan some type of educational trip.

New Business

- **Civil Rights, ADA and EEO:** Andrew Westfall and Miranda Furrer shared the annual reminder regarding civil rights and providing equal opportunities to all individuals.
- **YQCA Coupon Codes (last year sponsored 80):** There was discussion regarding the Ag Association funding coupon codes again this year for YQCA. 80 coupons were purchased last year and Andrew believed they were short about 20 coupons. There was discussion regarding how many would be needed and if coupons aren't used can they be used in the next year. Miranda said she would check to see if the coupons could be rolled over to the next year. Randy Freshour made a motion to table this decision until the next meeting. This was seconded by Cindy Campbell. The motion passed.
- **Tax Returns for seniors and low-income:** The building has been used in the past to provide an area to prepare tax returns for seniors and low-income individuals. Chad made a motion to provide the building/training room in 2020 from February to April 15th to help with tax returns of seniors and low-income individuals at no cost. This was seconded by Trent. The motion passed.

Upcoming Dates –

- **Online 4-H enrollment ends January 15th; youth and volunteers can still enroll at the Extension office until May 1st**
- **Extension Annual Meeting – January 16, 2020, doors open at 6:15pm**
- **4-H Grows Leaders Workshop: February 1st at 9:30am**

Next Meeting: February 5th, 2020

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 1:43 pm.