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

Present – Baily Tanner, 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, Jon Tebo, Andrew Westfall and Denise Schroeder

Absent – Jeremy Lemming, Sam Pinkerton, Jared Baer and Miranda Furrer

Guests Present: Sara Shelton, Scott Griffin, Marleta Misch, Sean Brummett, Keith Snowberger, Bob Zarse and Bill Dahlenburg

Call to Order – Luke Furrer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Secretary's Minutes – On a motion by Suzette Alma and seconded by Cindy Griffin, the minutes of the January 11, 2020, meeting were approved as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Kelley was present to report. The report and balances were discussed. There was discussion around the balances and where those stood compared to years past. It was questioned whether or not we are on pace at this point compared to years past. Kevin discussed developing something to show where we are compared to years past in relation to the budget. A motion was made by Trent to approve the treasurer's report. This was seconded by John Gooding. The motion passed.

Jr. Leader Report – Lucas Misch was the Jr. Leader Representative present at the meeting. The Jr. Leaders had a completion trip in February. They are currently working on a service project at the White County Food Pantry for the month of March. A fundraiser is scheduled at Roots on March 12, 2020. They will be having their regular meeting in April 2020, and Ag Day is scheduled to occur on April 3rd.

4-H Enrollment Update – Andrew Westfall was present to report on this topic due to Miranda being at 4-H Youth Academy. There was a reminder given regarding the availability of YQCA coupons. At this time, there were 581 individuals enrolled in 4-H. It was discussed how a few members of the Ag Association still needed to enroll in 4honline.com. Andrew discussed the retirement of office manager, Melinda Han. A retirement reception is scheduled for March 27, 2020, from 2-4pm.

Prior to Committee Reports, Luke Furrer asked if guests present wanted to share their information first.

Sean Brummett – Sean Brummett was present at the meeting on behalf of Heiny Insurance. A survey was recently completed and he provided a summary of insurance report and discussed this with the Ag Association Members. It was reported some of the building values were increased. The use of campground year round was discussed and if this is going to happen, then the liability coverage would have to be adjusted. There was discussion regarding what the cost of higher umbrella coverage/limits would be. Sean advised he would look into this and provide cost increments for further review.

Sarah Shelton – Sara Shelton was present to report on the Denim and Diamonds event. Sara asked how many tickets were sold at this time to help give Bob a number for food. There was discussion regarding having a different cost for tickets if someone purchased at the door and whether they would be able to receive a meal. Sara discussed silent auction items that would also be available at the event. Bob said he would plan to cook for 75-100 people. It was discussed that tickets would be available at the door for \$25 and a meal would be provided to those individuals as well.

Antique Tractors (Keith Snowberger, Bob Zarse and Bill Dahlenburg) – Individuals from the Antique Tractor Association were present to discuss the show “Small Town Big Deal” being present at this years’ fair and how it would be a way to help us promote the fair for free. The show will be present during the weekend of the fair. They are hoping to film events such as the Queen Contest, Battle of the Barns, the tractor parade, dancing tractors, Horse and Pony events and other interesting events that might be going on. The footage from the fair will air about six to eight months after the fair. Bob Zarse said he would try to keep everyone informed of when the footage will be aired on TV. Cindy Campbell suggested the Marketing Committee being the liaison for this project to help provide ideas and guidance.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds** – Trent Hall was present to report. Trent had Keith Snowberger from the Antique Tractors discuss information he received from talking with Mike Kyburz. In regards to the County Highway Garage project, Keith said they will be getting rid of the gravel and they will be putting all fresh top soil down. The Antique Tractor Association will be working on getting that area re-seeded.
 - **Leaf Clean-up** – Trent received approval from the Wolcott town board to use their leaf collector for Leaf clean-up day.
 - **Benches** – There was discussion regarding the process for buying benches for around the fairgrounds. Suzette discussed this topic and how there was never a clear decision made regarding what we want to charge for pricing, etc.
 - **Other** – There was discussion regarding using funds from the Betty McAleer memorial as Cindy Griffin was approached by the family. The family would like to see this money used to plant new trees down around the Horse and Pony arena/area.

- Chad discussed quotes received regarding clearing the brush/area by the railroad tracks near the campground. The first quote ranged from \$4,500 to \$5,000 and the second quote ranged from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Luke spoke with someone from the railroad and they are okay with us moving forward with clearing it out as long as we stay 7ft off the railroad. Suzette suggested reaching out to Mike Kyburz about helping with this project. Suzette said she would talk with Mike to see what he was willing to help with to help eliminate any costs.
- **Event** – April Hall was present to report.
 - **Vendors:** April started receiving applications from vendors. There was discussion regarding John’s Bakery being present at the fair due to their bakery closing in town. At this time, they are still planning on being present at the fair. Chad said Healthies in Monticello has shared excitement about coming to the fair this year.
 - **Campground:** April discussed this ongoing project. She was able to speak with someone regarding permits that would be needed for year round camping. Temporary use permits would need to be purchased and they are \$35/permit/camper. The charge for rent is a number that was still needed. There was discussion regarding what we would want to charge. April has reached out to area campgrounds to see what they have charged. April also reached out to Godlove’s to see what they would charge to take care of sewage. April spoke with Mitchell’s and they would charge \$35/month for a dumpster in that area. This brought up discussion about looking into putting in a sewage line/dump station at some point in that area. This is something that could be beneficial if there was a decision/need for camping year round. Chad spoke with the construction crews and we are looking at the potential of at least a two-year contract as they will have continued projects in the area over the next few years. The event committee will continue to work on coming up with a rental price and developing final details.
 - **Chainsaw Art Contest** – April has found a lot of chainsaw artists in the area and there was discussion regarding having some kind of contest to help as a fundraiser.
- **Development** – Cindy Campbell was present to report.
 - **Booster** – Funds are continuing to come in. Cindy Campbell and Cindy Griffin will continue to look at sponsorships and make sure all needs are filled.
 - **Administration** – The committee met on February 5, 2020, to audit the club financials.
 - **Marketing** – There was discussion regarding the Indiana Festivals Guide. Cindy has reached out to them regarding the cost of advertising. The deadline to get in the book for 2021 is August 31st. Since the 2020 deadline has already passed, they would allow us to be in the online version for free for the

remainder of 2020. Cindy discussed the available ads and pricing. Betty Kelly made a motion to move forward with the \$425 ad. The money for the cost of the ad would come out of the Day Sponsor fund. This was seconded by Chad Dahlenburg. The motion passed.

- **4-H Programming** – Suzette Alma was present to report.
 - **Auction** – This committee met Monday night. They made a decision to discontinue the silent auction.
 - **Queen** – The Queen committee updated their rules and code of conduct for the year.

Unfinished Business:

- **Campground Restrooms** – Luke discussed this topic. Titan Construction put together a bid. The bid for a standard wood frame construction was \$325,000 to \$350,000. The concrete block construction bid was \$345,000 to \$370,000. There is potential funding/grant money available for around \$250,000. Titan advised being open to local individuals/companies who were available to complete items listed on their bid. Luke read through the bid breakdown and the items that would need completed. Luke has been in contact with Luke Overbeck regarding help with the sewer side of the project. Luke asked if anyone wanted to help with the project, had any ideas, etc. then they could reach out to him
- **Bank of Wolcott/Flying Toasters** – Last year the Bank of Wolcott held an event at the fairgrounds as a customer appreciation event. The Flying Toasters reached out to the Bank of Wolcott about having another event this year. The Bank of Wolcott is partnering with REMC for this year's event. Jennifer Dawson from the Bank of Wolcott spoke with Luke to see if the Ag Association would partner as well. This partnership with the Ag Association would allow use of the fairgrounds without charge. The event is set to be held on September 5, 2020. Last year, they used the stage, the restrooms and the 4-H building. There were other plans put in place regarding the need to use other areas if weather was bad. If it was semi-raining they would use the goat barn, and if it was down pouring they would use the arena. Cindy Campbell spoke with Joe Demerly and last year they were charged \$600. We provided trash cans and a dumpster was already present on the grounds that they used. The Bank of Wolcott is aware they would need to rent a dumpster on their own for this year's event. They also used the bleachers last year. Cindy asked how the Bank of Wolcott would feel with the Ag Association speaking at the event to give an introduction of what the Ag Association does. There was also discussion regarding having buckets sent around for donations. Jennifer Dawson spoke with Casey Crabb at REMC about this idea and they want this to be an event where there are no expectations from anyone. This will be a community event and they would like to have alcohol as well as food vendors again this year. There was discussion regarding what the Ag Association would charge

for this event to be held at the fairgrounds. There was discussion regarding the potential of charging vendors who would be present as the vendors were not charged last year. It was discussed how the decision to charge vendors should be made by the individuals putting on the event. The rental agreement and rental fees were looked at and discussed. A motion was made by Randy Freshour to charge \$600 for the event. This was seconded by Bob Oliver. Prior to the vote there was discussion regarding charging \$1,000 for the event based on fee prices in the rental contract. A vote was held and the motion made had 6 votes yes and the motion did not pass. A second motion was made by Rodney Hall to charge \$1,000 for the event. John Gooding seconded this. There was discussion regarding this motion and how the Ag Association would not be opposed to giving a refund if not all facilities were used due to weather, etc. A vote was held and there were 15 votes yes and 2 votes no. The motion passed. It was asked that we get a record of insurance from the vendors.

New Business:

- **Custodial Services** – Luke discussed on this topic. At this time, there is no signed contract from the custodians. There has been prior discussion regarding the job not getting done completely. There was discussion at this meeting regarding separating the cleaning of the building and custodial needs during the week of the fair. It was asked that we start advertising the need for custodian and start accepting bids. In the past, interviews were held if multiple people showed interest in the position.
- **Landscaping** – There was discussion regarding where the Grounds Committee is with finding someone to landscape around the building. Luke encouraged Trent to reach out to Joe Demerly on this as he might have some more information.
- **Swine** – Luke brought up the letter sent out to 4-H members regarding the sale of pigs at this year's fair. The swine committee is still working on finding a potential buyer for pool hogs and auction pigs. It is unknown if a buyer will be found, so they wanted to share this information as a precaution if a buyer is not found. Luke encouraged individuals with questions to reach out to him, Scott Griffin or someone on the swine committee.

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Upcoming Dates –

- **Leaf clean-up day March 14th at 8am**
- **White County Ag Day Friday, April 3rd**
- **Fairground clean-up April 18th**
- **Goat/Sheep ID Saturday, May 9th**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:26pm