

MINUTES

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

Present –Cindy Campbell, Betty Kelly, Randy Freshour, April Hall, Samantha Foutch, John Gooding, Deb Foutch, Kevin Kelley, Jon Tebo, Denise Schroeder, Rodney Hall, Rodney Hornback, Vivian Hornback, Miranda Furrer, Baily Tanner, Trent Hall, Bryan Gretencord, Jeremy Lemming, Cindy Griffin and Andrew Westfall

Not Present – Kyle Arvin, Suzette Alma, Jared Baer, Luke Furrer, Sam Pinkerton, Chad Dahlenburg and Bob Oliver

Guests – Elizabeth Fields and Grace Tanner

Call to Order – Luke Furrer was not present. Vice President, Randy Freshour, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Secretary's Minutes – On a motion by Cindy Campbell and seconded by Cindy Griffin, the minutes from the October 7, 2020, meeting were approved as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Kelley was present to report. Total funds were discussed. Josh Humphreys asked for Andy Humphreys memorial to be moved to the Beef Barn. There was \$5,000 that got transferred from Large Scale projects and County grounds purchase to the general fund because it was out of money. There was a bill from sound for \$1600-\$1800. There was not enough funds in the sound account, so the remainder of the money got pulled from another fund. A motion was made by Jon Tebo to accept the Treasurers report. This was seconded by Vivian Hornback. The motion passed.

4-H Update – Miranda was present to report. The trunk-or-treat event was held last weekend, and was reported to be a great event. Jr. Leaders were there to help out as well as other volunteers. They were able to get some great visibility, handed out bookmarks, and were able to make contact with a lot of families/kids. Club meetings have started back up. Safety plans still have to be completed and submitted in order to have club meetings. Miranda is working on planning for next year. She is looking forward to 4-H camp and is also looking at having a mini 4-H day camp. There is also hopes of having more workshops this year as well. Miranda reminded members of 4-H enrollment. The upcoming leadership summit was also discussed. There was a question raised about leads on a Union Township leader. Miranda advised she has a few leads, but is waiting to reach out to them.

Jr. Leader Report – Miranda presented. A representative has been identified. Murphy Misch will be the Jr. Leader representative for the Ag Association meetings. Miranda is also

working on getting another representative from Frontier as well. Jr. Leaders met on Monday and elected officers. Abigail Arvin is the new President.

Committee Reports

- **Grounds** – Trent Hall was present to report. Trent discussed figuring out another leaf day date at the next meeting. All other information regarding grounds updates can be found under the unfinished business section of the minutes.
- **Event** – April Hall was present and didn't have anything new to report. A date for the Denim and Diamonds event has not been decided at this time.
- **Development** – Cindy Campbell was present to report. The ad for the Indiana Festival Guide was submitted and approved. Cindy had to take out the information regarding "as seen as Small Town Big Deal" since that was not able to occur at last year's fair.
- **4-H Programming** – Suzette Alma was not present to report. There was nothing new to report for 4-H programming.

Unfinished Business:

- **Voting on New Board Members** – Cindy Campbell reported. Another position in Big Creek was vacated; this position was represented by Sam Pinkerton. The nominating committee has met and they were able to identify three residents of 3 of the townships with openings. The recommended Big Creek representative is Lauren Dimmitt who is a resident of Big Creek. The recommended Honey Creek representative is Kahley Mayotte who resides in Honey Creek. The recommended representative for one of the Cass Township positions is Lane Blackman who resides in Cass Township. The nominating committee was unable to find another individual who resides in Cass Township to fill the other vacancy. Suzette Alma's recommendation to fill her vacancy in Cass Township was Roger Geisler. The other candidates recommended to fill the vacant Cass Township position were as follows: Josh Humphreys (Princeton), Greg DuVall (lives in Cass County, but has served on the board before), and Travis VanMeter (Monon Township). A motion was made by Trent Hall to accept the nominations for the 3 positions with residents of those townships (Lauren Dimmitt – Big Creek, Kahley Mayotte – Honey Creek, and Lane Blackman – Cass Township). This was seconded by Cindy Griffin. The motion passed. A separate, written vote was held for the remaining position in Cass Township. The nominations to fill this position included: Roger Geisler, Greg DuVall, Josh Humphreys and Travis VanMeter. The vote yielded the following results: Roger Geisler (8 votes), Josh Humphreys (6), Greg DuVall (0) and Travis VanMeter (1). It was voted and approved that Roger Geisler fill the remaining Cass Township position.
- **2020-2020 Committee Signup** – This was passed around during the meeting for individuals to sign-up.
- **4-H Online Volunteer Enrollment** – Miranda gave a friendly reminder for everyone to get this completed.

- **New Gutter Quote** – The Gutter project was discussed by Trent. Suzette worked on getting another quote, and she was able to get a quote from the Rose Company out of Brookston. The quote was \$4,471 for the Ag. Association side, and \$2,838 for the Extension side. The quote will end up being higher as there are fascia boards that will need replaced. This will be determined as the project gets started. There was discussion about where the money will be taken from. A motion was made by Cindy Campbell to allocate up to \$7,000 to cover the gutter project with funds coming out of the Auction fund. This was seconded by Jon Tebo. The motion passed.
- **4-H Building Interior Repairs** – Trent spoke with Ron McClure and he is finishing up a house project in Rensselaer, and then the interior repairs are the first projects on his list for this winter. He will be working on fixing the utility/cleaning closet and then making the doorway bigger on the storage room on the North end of the building. A quote for costs of these projects will be presented at a later time.
- **Memorial Farm Restrooms** – Trent discussed how the grounds committee is working with local companies to get this project completed. Ron McClure is willing to head up this project, and wants to get together and go over the blue print. A quote will be presented a later time.
- **Waterline Project** – Cindy Campbell said she spoke with Jimmy Overbeck after the last meeting. He reported he has some projects he is finishing, and then he will be reaching out to Luke about the water line project.

New Business:

- **January Meeting** – There was discussion around setting up the January meeting. It was decided to have a Saturday meeting on January 16th starting at 9am.
- **Other** –
 - **Treasurer's Report Software** -- There was some discussion regarding getting updated software for the Treasurer's Report. John and Kevin have been discussing this topic. John Gooding discussed some research he has completed on possible software options. John Gooding asked about whether or not additional research can be completed and brought to the Executive Committee to approve as it would be ideal to have this software decided by the next meeting. A motion was made by Jon Tebo to give the Executive Committee responsibility to approve the needed software. This was seconded by Rodney Hornback. The motion passed.
 - **Limestone in the Arena** – There was some discussion about the idea of having limestone in the arena instead of shavings. This was brought up as it would potentially allow for more opportunity to have events such as a kid's demolition derby. This option has been discussed in the past, and it was decided the Arena Committee could review it again.
 - **Pot holes** – Betty Kelly discussed the need for repairs to the roads/driveways. There was some discussion about waiting to repair the roadways until the water line project is completed. Everyone was in agreement that repairs are needed.

- **Other** – Randy said the waterlines have been shut off. He also discussed some concern with groundhog/raccoon problems in some of the outside buildings.

Upcoming Dates

- 2020-2021 4-H enrollment is open – <https://v2.4honline.com>
- Extension Board Annual Meeting – Tuesday, November 10th 6:15pm doors open
- 4-H Leadership Summit – Saturday, November 21st – all volunteers encouraged to register
- January 15th – Online enrollment window ends; youth and volunteers can still enroll at the Extension Office after this date

Next Meeting: Saturday, January 16th at 9am, 4-H building, Reynolds

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm