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White County Agricultural Association Meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2018, 8:00 PM 4-H Building, Reynolds, IN

Fair Committees Meeting – A meeting of all Fair committees was held at 7:00 pm. The Ag Association meeting convened at its conclusion.

Present – Suzette Alma, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Andrea Cole, Chad Dahlenburg, Samantha Foutch, Randy Freshour, Luke Furrer, Cindy Griffin, Rodney Hornback, Joann Hoyt, Kevin Kelley, Marleta Misch, Sara Shelton, Jon Tebo, and Andrew Westfall.

Absent – Brandon Bell, Laura Chapman, Joe Demerly, Brandon Foutch, Bill Geisler, Rodney Hall, Mark Helms, Phil Hunt, Kena Phimmasen (Junior Leader Representative), Denise Schroeder, and Baily Tanner.

Guests Present – Chris Alma, Deb Foutch, and Scott Griffin.

Call to Order – Randy Freshour, President, called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm.

Secretary's Minutes – On a motion by Suzette Alma and seconded by Jon Tebo, the minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Griffin presented the Treasurer's report. On a motion by Ron Byrd and seconded by Sara Shelton, the report was approved as presented.

- **Invoices from River's Edge Lawn & Landscaping** – Brandon Foutch and Kevin Kelley discussed the invoices with River's Edge. They agreed that the Ag Association would pay the invoice for \$450 for the landscaping at the campground entrance, and River's Edge is waiving the charge of \$950 for landscaping around the 4-H Building.
- **Auction** – All auction checks to sellers have been mailed, but donations to barns have not been made yet because payment is pending from a few buyers. In response to a question from Kevin Kelley, Ron Byrd explained why refunds were sent to some buyers and how bidders who submit bids before the auction will be recognized in the future.
- **Family Fun Zone** – Cindy and Denise Schroeder have discussed moving the Family Fun Zone out of the Commercial account and into its own line item with its own budget. Total revenue for the Family Fun Zone was \$10,205 (\$7955 cash sales + \$2250 sponsorships), and total expenses were \$19,700 (\$19,000 to A1 + \$700 to Life Song Church to take tickets), resulting in a net loss of \$9495. Potential funding vehicles for the Family Fun Zone and entertainment were discussed.
- **2019 Budget** – Per Cindy Griffin, a budget should be developed and adopted at the November meeting, so it will be in place at the beginning of the year.

Jr. Leader Report – Andrea Cole – Nothing to Report

4-H Enrollment Update – Andrea Cole – Nothing to Report

Committee Reports

- **Grounds – Luke Furrer**
 - **Work Day** – A Saturday work day will be scheduled soon.
 - **Horse Show** – A horse show is scheduled for September 22nd, and the water will be turned on.
 - **New Restrooms** – Cindy Campbell contacted the Grant Director at NCHS and asked if the elimination of storm shelter elements would disqualify the restrooms from consideration. After a discussion about the numbers, types, and availability of existing facilities, Cindy was told the project would not be disqualified if not also serving as a storm shelter although this is not a guarantee of funds. Luke will work with Titan Construction to get a revised budget estimate. He is also planning to get elevation maps done to evaluate if a lift station will be needed.
 - **Sewer/Dumping at Campground** – Possible sewer hook-ups or dumping for campers was discussed. Individuals or organizations interested in camping at times other than during the Fair should contact Kevin Kelley for information.

- **Event – Sara Shelton**
 - **Vendors** – According to comments made to several directors, most vendors did very well at the Fair. Sara will be exploring options for vendor fees for next year and is hoping to develop a “business district” for commercial vendors and offer free rent to non-profit vendors in other areas. She will also seek quotes from other tent providers.

- **Development – Kevin Kelley**
 - **Booster Club** – Kevin would like to reorganize the Booster Club and meet with representatives from all barns/committees/clubs to make fundraising efforts more transparent and efficient.
 - **Nominating** – Per Cindy Campbell, there are 4 positions to be filled from Monon, Prairie, Princeton, and West Point Townships. The Nominating Committee (Cindy Campbell, Chad Dahlenburg, Phil Hunt, and Suzette Alma) should present nominees soon so they can be approved at the November meeting, at the latest.

- **4-H Programming – Suzette Alma**
 - **Reimbursement for Clothing Stands** – Per Cindy Campbell, Jennifer Meents, Sewing Committee member, recently purchased 20 clothing stands at Sears for \$5 each for a total of \$107 with tax. These stands will be used to display Sewing and Consumer Clothing projects. Cindy moved to reimburse Jennifer Meents for \$107 from the Remit Fees account. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

- **Commercial Building** – As Mark Helms was not present to report on grant opportunities, the issue was tabled.
- **Separating the Board** – Cindy Campbell discovered, through additional research into various 501(c) organizations, that the only type that can solicit and receive tax-deductible donations is 501(c)(3). 501(c)(4)'s, such as Jasper County's Fair Board, and all other types must rely on other sources of income to support their operations. Based on this, she reiterated her concerns about the income available to a Fair Board in White County if the 4-H component split off into a separate board and stated that separating would be a lengthy, complicated process that would consume energy and resources that could be better used in seeking alternative, creative forms of fundraising. Cindy and Andrea Cole both spoke to Steve McKinley at Purdue Extension and relayed some information from him regarding games of chance and events with alcohol, specifically that 4-H organizations may not engage in any games of chance, and alcohol may not be served during any 4-H events. He offered suggestions for some fundraisers that are successful in other counties, and Andrea will reach out to other educators for ideas. Sara Shelton moved to disband the committee formed to research separating the board and form a new committee for large-scale fundraising. Joann Hoyt seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sara volunteered to chair the new fundraising committee.
- **Purchasing Tables and Chairs** – Per Randy Freshour, 37 chairs have been donated from Tippecanoe County Steam & Power Association. Rural King has good quality 6' and 8' tables available. Chad Dahlenburg moved to allow Randy to purchase twenty 8' tables and five 6' tables at a maximum cost of \$2000 with funds to come from the Remit Fees account. Cindy Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Other**
 - **Picnic Shelter at Memorial Farm** – Per Randy Freshour, the shelter is being erected, and the Antique Power Association is requesting a check for the amount previously requested and approved. Randy will find out to whom the check should be made, and Cindy Griffin will issue the check accordingly.

New Business

- **Grounds Rental Contract** – Ron Byrd moved to add the stage to the list of facilities on the contract with fees of \$200 rental for the first day, \$200 rental for each additional day, and a flat additional fee of \$100 if the renter wishes to serve liquor. Jon Tebo

seconded the motion. Motion passed. Cindy Campbell moved to increase the fees for the goat barn to reflect the expansion as follows: \$600 rental for the first day and \$600 rental for each additional day for the goat barn and goat arena; \$350 rental for the first day and \$350 for each additional day for the goat barn (open area only). Luke Furrer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Closet Doors in North End** – Per Andrea Cole, the A-frames had to be moved outside to accommodate a wedding because they cannot fit through the closet doors in the north end. She asked if the closet doors could be renovated to allow the A-frames to be stored inside. Luke Furrer stated the Grounds Committee would investigate it.
- **Officer Elections** – Sara Shelton moved to accept the following slate of officers with terms to begin on January 1, 2019. Ron Byrd seconded the motion. Motion passed. Committee chairs, who will also serve on the Executive Committee, will be chosen at the October or November meeting with terms to begin on January 1, 2019.
 - **President** – Joe Demerly
 - **Vice President** – Luke Furrer
 - **Secretary** – Samantha Foutch
 - **Treasurer** – Kevin Kelley
- **Other**
 - **Use of Picnic Shelter** – Joann Hoyt asked if her homeschooling group could use the food court picnic shelter and pay only the deposit like 4-H clubs do. She agreed to complete a rental contract, provide proof of insurance, etc. Chad Dahlenburg moved to allow this. Kevin Kelley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Upcoming Dates – Upcoming dates were listed on the agenda. The Executive Committee will also meet on September 25th at 7:00 pm to review proposed rule changes before they are presented for adoption at the October 3rd meeting.

Adjourn – On a motion by Sara Shelton and seconded by Cindy Campbell, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Campbell, Secretary.