

Minutes
White County Ag. Association Meeting
Tuesday, April 19th, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
4-H Building, Reynolds

Directors and Educators in Attendance: Joann Burnside, Ron Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Jeff Campbell, Candis Dart, Joe Demerly, Greg DuVall, Randy Freshour, Roger Geisler, Mark Helms, Kelly Provo, Alexie Schroeder (Junior Leader Representative), Sara Shelton, Kim Stockment, Andy Stoll, Dana Tolley, Andrew Westfall

Excused: Samantha Foutch, Cindy Griffin, Steffanie Warren

Others in Attendance: Deb Foutch, Janet Faker, Janie Kennisten

Call to Order – Jeff Campbell

Secretary's Minutes – Kim Stockment

- Sara commented that water was not turned on, and Jeff explained that water was turned on for the Kilmer Swine Sale, where a pipe busted. Until that repair is made, the water needs to stay off. Partial water will be turned on (at the Horse end).
- Cindy G and Cindy C, not just Cindy
- Under Long Range Planning – the entire long range committee met, not just Cindy, Dana & Jan.
- Under the old rental agreement – it was a one year agreement from 2004-2005, not 2001 to 2005
- Extension Gardener Program – It was not Extension Homemakers, just the Purdue Extension Office.

Ron moved to accept the minutes with the amendments provided. Seconded and Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Marleta Misch – the report was tabled until the next meeting pending Marleta's approval – asking where the donkeyball money went.

Jr. Leader Report – Monday, April 15 was game night – lots of fun, very leadership oriented. They also did not meet in March, but instead did food pantry work.

Bob Oliver – Building Request – Bob set up in a tent last year, and would like to come back for years to come. He would like to have approval to set up a portable carport building, which they could put their equipment in and lock up throughout the year. He would be open to serving at other events throughout the year. The building would be portable, would not be on a footer, and electric would be hooked into, but also not permanent. He's proposing a 22x26, and could use the electric service that is already there. It was discussed that precedence was set when we let VanMeter pull his other building out in the past. It was mentioned that it would be a nice addition to have for serving other events. Andy moved to allow Bob to move forward with order. Kim amended the motion to allow forward movement, also waiving his commercial vendor fee for the 2016 Fair for his investment to better our fairgrounds. Cindy raised a question asking for approval to get property insurance coverage for this additional building. This was discussed, and agreed upon adding into the policy. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Extension Homemakers – Chili Cook-off

-Janie Kennisten presented on behalf of the Extension Homemakers – told us about how they used to do pumpkin rolls for a fundraiser, but have stopped doing that due to how labor intensive it became. They are suggesting hosting a chili-cook-off. Wabash has gotten to a point of giving

away nearly \$40-\$60K after expenses. The biggest hurdles will be getting people to enter and to come to Reynolds, but after a few years of marketing, the supply is little and the outcome was great. Trash is the biggest hurdle. The expense is insurance, tables, trash, cups, stamps, spoons. Major expenses of the chili are covered by the entrants. This would be a fall time get together, so likely a September event. There is a CASMI (chili association) that has a large following. You can google Wabash Chili Cook-off for more information. Ron asked what was expected of the Ag Assoc and what was going to be coming from the Extension Homemakers. Kim moved to create a subcommittee to work with Extension Homemakers to further explore this opportunity. Seconded and Approved. Volunteers for the committee will see Kim after the meeting to sign up to assist.

Committee Reports:

Arena

- Roger noted that next year during Ag Day we might have a wheelbarrow to help pick up manure. Some was left behind, and we need to be sure that future animal volunteers need to clean up after themselves.
- Randy asked when we would like to set up a painting day for the inside of the arena. Roger suggested pressure washing the insides first, but then wanted further direction on where we would start. Joann suggested that we start with the walls, then the roof. Cindy Campbell clarified that \$3k would cover the walls & roof, but Roger suggested we do the walls first and see how much time that takes. Randy F suggested May 7th at 8am to pressure wash the inside of the arena. It was suggested that the dog club help wrap the arena for painting on May 9th during their regular dog club meeting. Randy & Roger will gather materials needed for this event.
- Andy Stoll suggested spending up to \$3k out of the Auction fund to cover this expense. Motion made, seconded and passed. Money for this expense is to come out of Auction fund.
- May 14th will be the prep/painting day at 8am. All volunteers welcome.

Awards

- Cindy C mentioned that we still need nominations for volunteers of the year award. Can return via email or in person to Dana or Cindy C.

Booster Club

-Jeff Campbell reported that Cindy G stated that money is still coming in.

Commercial

- Kim presented the commercial proposal for family fun night and other attractions for the fair. She asked for additional support from the board should we go over budget to support a carnival atmosphere. Mark suggested that the entire board should back the efforts of the commercial committee to provide a service to the entire Fair. It should not all rest on one committees shoulders.
- Ron moved to allocate up to \$4k out of the 4-H remit fund to fund the 4-H family fun night. Motion was seconded and approved. Kim will report back with a final plan by next meeting, stating cost of the attractions, estimated wristband costs, etc.
- Monon stand has been approached about their booth space. Sara talked to Terri Brown, and they would like to complete redo their building. Their group will come together to discuss what flow they want and how to redo the building.
- Commercial Committee needs to reach out to the car show.

Grounds

-Roger brought up the rabbit restrooms, and how extensive of a renovation we are looking to do. Kim suggested longer doors, new wall material, etc.

- Ron also verified that any new buildings that are constructed permanently on the grounds moving forward are definitely under possession of the Ag Association.
- Jeff did update on the water line issues as stated above in the secretaries minutes amendment.

Land Use & Management (Hintzman)

-Jeff and Cindy G went to talk to the Holeman's about the rental increase. They mentioned that they knew that was likely coming. Jeff will follow up with them if they are still interested in renting.

-Randy F brought up about grounds/land use – he and Jerry Skinner walked around and tagged all trees that were on the arborist report from last year. He will start soliciting bids to cut some trees down, as they are dead or need to be removed.

- Many suggested that they simply stick with the arborist report first and foremost, as the costs could quickly rise.

Long Range Planning

-Cindy C reported for the committee that last summer we discussed replacing floors for the two ends of the 4-H Building. We decided then to not proceed because we had other outstanding issues. We are proceeding this year, and Professional Interiors visited their meeting, and gave a quote for a vinyl plank which is a type of floating floor, that appears like a hardwood (such as Walmart's clothing area) and handles traffic well – PI can be in the 3rd week in May. Total quote – remove carpet and repair of a few spots, and removal of tile. We will also have 100 extra sq ft for replacement/damage. The total proposal is for \$21,265.38. Cindy moved to proceed with the flooring using the quote from professional interiors. Motion was seconded and passed. Mark moved pulling from the N/S building funds (\$8164.79), Long Range Planning (\$6525) and the rest out of the checking account (\$6575.59). Motion was seconded and passed.

- Roger discussed the stage upgrades, and it was decided to hold off for one year. We will try to put stone from the stage to the road for entertainment parking. The sound man asked for pads to be put down for speakers. We will put down pavers this year in temporary status. The stage project/renovation was tabled until 2017 fair. We will have a temp lift or ramp for handicap accessibility. The only changes for 2016 will be to remove the tree right in front of the stage, the stone behind the stage and the temp parking. The queen committee has allocated \$9k; \$7353 is on our budget for the stage. There will need to be fundraising for this project. Jan is currently soliciting bids for the stage redo.

Program

-Dana is working on booking and will release with News and Review as in the past.

- Working on robotics, fire & safety and k9 demos as in the past.

-United Methodist Church is again doing the Vespers.

Queen

-Jan has approached the queen about the barn dance they typically hold. In the case of rain, the big band booked on Wednesday will go to the Arena and the barn dance will go to the goat arena or the food court as a backup location.

Feasibility Study

-Committee has met twice since they received the design portion of the study. Cindy & Candis met with Alyssa today to go over those edits and changes. She will finalize her portion of the study and will turn it over to Pro's Consulting to do the proforma and consulting portion of the study.

Other

- Roger brought up having the coon dog club in on the fairgrounds. Greg shared concern writing them off before we even feel them out. We will continue to follow up with them.

Unfinished Business

- Proposed Building Use Contract
 - No updated on this at this time.

New Business

- WIC Building Use Request
 - They would like to use the facility August 1, 2016 in the morning, North End only to celebrate breast feeding. Open to all WIC and general public, expecting 50-100 people expected to attend. Joann moved to allow them to use the building, waiving the rental fee. Seconded and passed.
- Summer Assistant – will start May 16th
 - Summer assistant will be Shelby Perry. Purdue intern is Karly Sparks.
- Indiana State Fair Farmers Care Food Drive - Application due May 15th
 - We applied for this last year. We can do it again this year, and potentially win \$200 toward a future feeding initiative. Junior Leaders will lead this initiative.
- Grinnell Mutual Fairground Facelift Contest - Application due May 19th
 - Jan Faker will lead the charge to apply in the area of the stage area.
- Fair Book
 - Needs to have information by May 16th. Projected print date of June 1st.
- Other
 - Roger brought up an issue he's heard about with issues with the computer system not registering projects, even if they made every effort to do so before April 1st. Other counties are making an exception to allow those not going on to State Fair, to still show on the county level, if they are registered by May 15th. Beef steers & dairy beef fat steers have a deadline of April 1st, and that is advertised everywhere. We have 6 animals at this time that are facing the issue of being "ineligible". After much discussion, Ron moved to follow the handbook verbatim regarding dates for online registration. Second and approved.
 - Candis verified that while dates are advertised at May 15, but since that is a Sunday, the office will open all until May 16th at 4pm.
 - Greg moved to accept allowing the two 4-H'rs who applied for hardship into 4-H camp. The Ag Assn to pay for them using the fair entry fees for

enrollment. Moved. Accepted.

Upcoming Dates

- ◆ **Saturday, April 23rd - Fairgrounds Cleanup – 9 a.m., 4-H Fairgrounds**
- ◆ May 15th – Last Day to Enroll in 4-H and still exhibit at 2016 White County 4-H Fair
- ◆ May 15th – Last Day to Add or Drop Projects
- ◆ May 15th – All Livestock animals (Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep, and Swine) must be identified in 4HOnline
- ◆ June 1st – FairEntry program opens for entering Fair projects

Adjourn – Kim moved to adjourn. 2nd and approved.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17th, 2016, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building, Reynolds